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Appeal against judgment likely Atlanta lensman gets life term for killings

ATLANTA, Feb. 28 (AP) — With the sentencing of freelance black photographer Wayne Williams, 23, to two terms of life imprisonment, Atlanta Sunday seems to have ended the string of murders which terrorized the city for three years.

A jury of eight blacks and four whites delivered its verdict Friday on the killings of Nathaniel Cater and Jimmy Payne, two of 28 black children and young men killed in Atlanta in the last three years in what was generally thought to be a connected series of murders. Williams denied the charges and his lawyers were expected to lodge an appeal.

The verdict came only 24 hours after the end of proceedings in the nine-week trial which had seen 197 witnesses and attracted national attention. Judge Clarence Cooper announced the sentences Saturday.

Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, said the trial had been "eminently fair." The Atlanta Journal newspaper reported Sunday that the special police unit investigating the case was going to be dissolved, with 24 of the murders filed as analogous to the two for which Williams was convicted.

The prosecution linked the two murders for which Williams was convicted to ten other unsolved killings. Witnesses said during the trial that Williams knew at least seven of the 12 victims for these murders.

Williams, dressed in a brown suit, accepted his sentence calmly. He told the judge: "I maintained all along through this trial my innocence and I still say so. I hold no malice against the jury, the prosecutors or the court. I hope the person or persons who committed these crimes can be brought to justice. I did not do this," Williams said.

"My life is over," wailed Mrs. Faye Williams, the convicted man's mother when she heard the verdict. She said the killer was a "(white) who probably attended the trial every day with us... he's made a fool of the government and ruined the Williams family."

The defense tried to portray Williams sympathetically as a "pudgy, fat little boy" but the prosecution called him a "mad dog killer who like Adolf Hitler wiped out those he considered inferiors." Witnesses said Williams hated "street kids."

The prosecution asked for life in prison rather than the death sentence, which is only used in exceptional circumstances in Georgia. Williams can ask for parole in seven years.

After the sentencing, Williams' father Homer Williams, told Judge Cooper: "I feel that this is an error in justice. I don't see how anybody anywhere could find my son guilty of anything. It's unjust, and I will say that anywhere in the world."

The jury stayed in a hotel during the trial, under police protection. Among the evidence weighed were microscopic synthetic fibres found on victims' clothes and in Williams' house and car, as well as drawings, maps and a \$15,000 mock-up of the Jackson Parkway bridge over the Chattahoochee River, from which Williams allegedly threw the body of Cater, 27.

Nathaniel Cater's body was found two days after Williams was brought in for questioning last May, after he was allegedly seen throwing a heavy object in the river.

For attempted sabotage Bahrain to try 73 traitors

MANAMA, Feb. 28 (AP) — Seventy-three Gulf nationals will be tried for their life here soon for "communicating with a foreign state" in connection with last December's aborted, Iranian-backed coup bid, according to a statement Sunday by the Bahrain state prosecutor. No date for trial was immediately set, but the statement, carried by the newspaper *Akhbar Al-Khaleej*, said the death penalty will be demanded for all defendants.

Previous reports said at least 60 persons had been taken into custody, including some Kuwaitis and Saudi Arabians. Although Iran was not mentioned by name, the statement said the defendants will be tried on charges of "communicating and striving with a foreign country, and with an individual working on behalf of that country, to undertake aggressive acts against the state and people of Bahrain."

Other charges include "forming an illegal organization with the aim of sabotaging public property, spreading terrorism, and the acquisition of weapons, ammunition and explosives without license."

To safeguard investment Kuwait shows the way

KUWAIT, Feb. 28 (AP) — Kuwait's finance minister said Sunday his country's multi-billion dollar investments abroad are being dispersed in such a way as to minimize damage in a future dispute with any individual state.

"Our investments are under constant scrutiny in an effort to prevent any risks," veteran Kuwaiti and international financier Abdul Latif Al Hamad said. "They are safe because they are not concentrated in any one state or any one sector."

Kuwait is believed to maintain in excess of \$60 billion abroad in the form of bank deposits, equity shares, government securities and real estate. The Kuwaitis' latest and largest single investment was the recent \$2.5 billion purchase of the U.S. Santa Fe Company. They are currently in negotiation with Gulf Oil to acquire some of Gulf's European refineries.

Al Hamad said Kuwait's investments in the international market were safe because these are "governed by well-known and stable international laws and traditions." He said Kuwait has been trying to divert more funds into Arab and Islamic development projects "but these have a limited absorptive capacity and there is no alternative for the international money markets if you want to maintain flexibility for your wallet."

Al Hamad, who was speaking in an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Am*, said Kuwait would "take the lead in withdrawing funds" from U.S. and European banks "if there were a unanimous Arab decision on this."

Such a step has been advocated recently by the Arab Chambers of Commerce Federation as a punishment for U.S.-European support to Israel's Mideast policies. Al Hamad urged conclusion of more "mutual investment insurance" pacts on the lines of one Kuwait concluded with France last month.

Al Hamad, who is a member of the World Bank board of directors, said the bank "despite restrictions inherent in any international institution" was "the best organization in the world currently working in the field of economic development."

He said Kuwait and the Arab group were seeking to influence the bank's policy with a view to securing more loans for Arab, Islamic and developing countries in general and to give the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) an observer status at the bank's meetings.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia recently withdrew pledged support for some World Bank loans because of the bank's refusal to grant the PLO request.

Call for Palestine state Kingdom, Greece stress ties

By Wahib Ghorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 28 — Saudi Arabia and Greece Sunday stressed that any solution to the Middle East issue must be found on the basis of a total recognition of the Palestinian rights and the establishment of a state of Palestine.

At a press conference held at the conclusion of Greek Foreign Minister Ioannis Charalambopoulos' three-day visit to the Kingdom, he said he discussed not merely bilateral relations but exchanged views on the general situation in the Middle East and other areas of the world. He added that he was impressed with the analysis of the world situation presented by his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

The Greek foreign minister said the creation of the state of Palestine is the key to the peace in the Middle East and that the Greek government has given diplomatic recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization and supported the cause of Palestine at the United Nations, based on the principles of justice. The creation of a Palestinian state is the basis of peace in the Middle East, he added.

Charalambopoulos said both Saudi Arabia and Greece are stabilizing factors in their areas and Greece has created the proper atmosphere in Europe for the support of the Palestine state. The Saudi Arabian and Greek governments have agreed to sign an agreement for the promotion of economic and technical relations between the two countries, he added.

He also said that he discussed the Cypriot problem with Prince Saud and told him the significance of a solution to this problem. He further reiterated his country's support for the Saudi Arabian peace plan which is considered a solid basis for finding a final solution to the Middle East problem.

The Greek foreign minister said upon leaving the Kingdom that he was happy with the results achieved during the talks with Saudi Arabian officials. He added that, on behalf of

the Greek president and prime minister, he has extended invitations to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to visit Greece. The invitations have been accepted, he said, adding that he also invited Prince Saud to pay a visit to Greece.

He said it has been decided to sign an agreement in the near future, incorporating the broad lines of cooperation between the two countries in economic, technical and other fields.

King receives Ioannis, citizens

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — King Khaled received visiting Greek Foreign Minister Ioannis Charalambopoulos and his delegation at the Royal Court here Sunday afternoon.

The audience was attended by Crown Prince Fahd; Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation; and Prince Saud Al-Faisal, foreign minister.

King Khaled also received a large number of citizens at the Royal Court Sunday. They came to greet him on his return from the desert camp.

Talk with Nyerere rival Tanzania hijackers surrender; all freed

STANSTED, England, Feb. 28 (AP) — Armed hijackers holding an Air Tanzania Boeing 737 freed all their hostages without injury and surrendered to police Sunday, police said.

All the estimated 90 passengers, held hostage since the drama began on a domestic Tanzanian flight Friday, were "safe and well with no injuries and no casualties," a police spokesman said.

The end came less than an hour after the Tanzanian dissidents, seeking the ouster of President Julius Nyerere, had released 41 passengers in one batch, having earlier freed 20 of their captives Sunday and two men Saturday. An unconfirmed report, picked up from police radio, said explosives were found in a toilet on board the aircraft and on both sides of the emergency doors.

The hijackers had threatened to blow up the plane Saturday if troops or police were seen moving toward the plane.

After allowing a final 30 or so hostages to leave the twin-engine airliner, the hijackers surrendered to police who had sealed off Stansted Airport, 48 kms northeast of London, where the jet landed on Saturday.

Earlier, scores of weary passengers — 59 in all — were seen leaving the aircraft and streaming across the tarmac in a long line under gray skies. They included a Tanzanian co-pilot apparently wounded when the gunmen seized the plane Friday.

The co-pilot was hurt at Athens before the plane got to Stansted. The aircraft flew across Africa and the Middle East, landing at Nairobi, Jeddah and Athens before touching down in Britain.

Earlier Sunday, the authorities allowed the hijackers to talk to a prominent Tanzanian opposition politician Oscar Kambona, living in exile in London. Kambona, a former foreign minister who fell out with President Nyerere, was brought to Stansted and talked briefly with the hijackers over a radio link. The authorities refused to divulge details, saying only that they talked just two or three minutes.

Kambona fled his home country in 1967 after serious disagreements with President Nyerere, and has since then been involved in a number of reported plots against Nyerere.

Kambona, 54, sought refuge in London and set up an opposition party in exile, the Movement for Free and Popular Democracy. He quit Tanzania after resigning from his two principal posts of foreign minister and secretary-general of the ruling Tanganyika Africa National Union (TANU).

Starts official visit Mazali hails Fahd peace plan

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian peace plan is "a step that gives the world an alternative to the Camp David accords which have suffered a sweeping failure," Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali said here during talks with King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other officials.

The Tunisian prime minister said he hoped that the Arab leaders could agree on the final shape of this plan during their conference in Fez, Morocco.

Mazali described relations between Tunisia and Saudi Arabia as "exemplary," and added that he will soon sign an economic accord, while his delegation has held meetings with representatives from both the public and private sector of the Kingdom.

King Khaled received Mazali and his delegation at the Royal palace on Sunday evening. Present at the audience were Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation; and Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Mas'oud, minister of state and also minister-in-waiting.

Mazali arrived from Jeddah Sunday. Crown Prince Fahd was at the head of a welcoming party which included Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh; and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim, metropolitan mayor.

After the national anthems of the two countries were played, Mazali was introduced to Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation; members of the Royal family; cabinet ministers and top civil and military officials.

Crown Prince Fahd held a dinner banquet in honor of the Tunisian premier and his delegation. Those who attended included members of the Royal family led by Prince Abdullah; cabinet ministers and several state officials.

Earlier, the Tunisian premier was seen off at the King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah by Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Makkah; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, commissioner of Jeddah; Gen. Mansour al-Shoabi, commander of the Western zone; Abdul Aziz Jokhdar, local director of the Royal Protocol; and other high officials.

Mazali also went to Makkah to perform the Umrah.

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Businessmen to study Arab investment policy

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — A conference of Arab businessmen and investors will open in Taif March 30 to discuss unifying investment policies of Arab countries and restricting investing to the Arab world. The conference, the first of its kind, will be opened by Makkah Governor Prince Majed and will last three days.

Abdullah Dahlan, secretary general of Jeddah chamber of commerce and industry, said Sunday that more than 350 Arab businessmen, residents in Arab countries or non-Arabs, like immigrants to the United States, Europe or Australia — will attend the conference.

The congregation has been organized by the Arab Federation of Chamber in cooperation with the Council of Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce and Industry; the Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation and the Arab League, represented by its economic department.

"This will be the first conference to group Arab businessmen into one circle or meeting, and Saudi Arabia has the honor of hosting it," Dahlan said. The conference will be addressed by Prince Majed and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, he added.

Other speakers will include Commerce Ministry Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil and Senator James Abu Rizk, who will explain the conditions and opportunities of international investing, and how an investment should be.

The Arab Gulf Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will submit a working paper to the Arab investors' conference. The paper, prepared by the federation's secretariat general, explores the incentives and methods for encouraging the fluidity of investments inside the Arab world and reveals the problems facing investment in Arab countries. It also proposes solutions to such problems.

VTC to organize training course

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Jeddah's Vocational Training Center will organize a 16-month course on office equipment. Trainees will be paid SR600 monthly incentives, in addition to SR130 as food allowance during the first half of the course. The monthly incentive increases to SR800 for those who pass the second half of the course.

Upon graduation, the trainees are to be granted SR2,000 as bonus, in addition to SR3,000 if they practice their specialization for the first six months after graduation. The Saudi Credit Bank provides SR100,000 loans

to graduates of technical schools and vocational training centers to open their own business. The only condition is that the graduates themselves will have to operate their business places.

Nazer to leave for U.K.

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer leaves here Monday on a three-day official visit to Britain at the invitation of the secretary of trade. After the U.K. visit, he will go Argentina and Brazil.

Faisal, Malaysia minister hold 2 sessions of talks

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare, held a second round of talks with visiting Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sports Dr. Dato Mukhtar Hashem here Sunday.

The first session was held Saturday to discuss the programs already proposed to boost athletic ties between the youths of the two countries. They resolved to form a bilateral committee to discuss the proposals put forward by the Malaysian minister in this behalf.

Hashem, who arrived here Saturday on several days' visit to the Kingdom, called at the Planning Ministry Sunday, where he was briefed on the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan.

In other news, Prince Faisal, who is also chairman of the Arab athletic games federation, Saturday dedicated the third session of the Arab Judo Federation's board of directors.

Muhammad Al-Fayez Al-Ghulailsh, president of the Arab Judo federation and the Saudi Arabian karate, taikwando and judo union, addressed the meeting and said that a contract has been reached with a Japanese expert. The Japanese will tour Arab countries lending expertise and promoting judo, he said. He also thanked the Kingdom for its continuous support to the Arab Judo Federation.

Ghulailsh reviewed the federation's activities saying that Arab instructors have been sent to Japan on a five-month training course. Teams specializing in self-defense techniques, especially judo, were invited to the region and performed in the Kingdom by the end of last month, he said. He referred to the development of judo in the Arab world and said that some players have done very well and obtained the black belt. A number of instructors and referees were also sent on training courses and obtained qualifying certificates, he said.

Ghulailsh said he was pleased with the Arab athletic games federation's decision to accept all Arab unions to its membership. This decision will be a strong incentive for achieving objectives, he added. The Arab judo federation's working session began Sunday morning.

Tunisian aide ends visit

MADINAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Tunisian Information Minister Al-Tajer Bilkhoja left here Sunday concluding a few days' visit during which he performed the Umrah in Makkah and prayed at the Prophet's Mosque here. He was seen off at Madinah airport by Rashad Bardis, Information Ministry's branch director, and other officials.

Seminar on Gulf natural resources planned

By Ahmad Shashan

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Hans Koechler, president of the "International Progress Organization" (I.P.O.) visited Riyadh and Jeddah last week and told Arab News that he was preparing with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the Arab League and other authorities for a seminar on "Natural Resources, National Development and International Security: A Case Study on the Arab Gulf."

A preparatory committee will meet in June, probably in Riyadh, to proceed with the final arrangements. It will include, among others, a representative of the GCC; Dr. Badria Al-Awad, dean of Kuwait University's law faculty; Prof. M. Kassem from the United Arab Emirates' University; and the Arab League's information director.

The three-day seminar will be held sometime in 1983 in one of the capitals of the Arabian Gulf. It will group 30 economics, political science and international relations experts from various regions of the world. The papers will be published by I.P.O. as Volume 8 of its series *Studies in International Relations*.

Koechler, is also preparing for an international conference on non-alignment scheduled for 1984.

Contracts signed for 83 mosques

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Contracts for building 83 mosques in Riyadh and the Central Region were approved by Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie Sunday. The total cost of the contract is SR98.45 million.

The minister was deputized by Sheikh Muhammad ibn Isma' Al-Sheikh, undersecretary for mosques affairs, in signing the contracts. Of the total, 21 mosques will be built in Riyadh, 13 in Hail; eight in Wadi Al-Dawaser; four in Aflaj; seven in Houtah and Hariq; five in Quwayra and Rain; nine in Dawadmi and Afif; seven in Mujammah and Sudair; three in Zulf; four in Kharij and two in Washeim.

In another development, Eastern Province Endowments and Mosques Director General Seif Ibrahim Al-Seif said Sunday that SR15 million worth of projects are underway in the region. The projects include fencing of Eid prayer grounds in several areas. Expansion and renovation of the Ain Dar mosque was carried out at a cost of SR700,000 recently, the official said. Currently, the department is engaged in a survey of all villages of the Eastern Province to determine their needs in the next budget, Seif said.

led to be held in Baghdad, May 4-6. He conferred in Riyadh with GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara and Dr. Maarouf Al-Dawallbi, president of the World Muslim Council. He was received by Sheikh Mamoun Al-Qabbani, head of the Western desk at the Foreign Ministry. Before coming to the Kingdom, he conferred with senior officials in Jordan, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi. He left Friday to meet with Qatar's information ministry officials.

I.P.O. was set up in October 1972 as an international non-governmental and non-profit organization based in Vienna. It was sponsored by several prominent personalities from Austria, the Arab world and Asia, with

the support of the former United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and the Austrian foreign minister. It has a consultative status with the U.N. and UNESCO. It is financed by the members and by subventions from other international organizations.

The main objective of I.P.O. is to work for peaceful co-existence among nations and to promote better understanding among the various cultures and traditions. In 1980, it held an international conference in Vienna on the legal aspects of the Palestine and Jerusalem questions. In 1981, it organized an international symposium in Rome on the concept of monotheism in Islam and Christianity, in cooperation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference.



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SDF, Tunisia sign SR 350 m accord

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — An agreement was signed here Sunday under which the Saudi Development Fund will finance SR350 million worth of projects in Tunisia.

The agreement was signed by Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil and Tunisian Planning and Finance Minister Mansour Mualla. The agreement is a framework for contributing in the financing of projects in Tunisia's current development plan.

The agreement will provide for the establishment of water projects, studying exploitation of subterranean water, expanding some fishing ports and railroads.

When the individual agreements for these projects are signed during the coming four years — the remaining period of the current sixth development plan for Tunisia — the Saudi Development Fund would have financed 12 development projects at a combined cost of SR911 million in Tunisia.

Abu Al-Khalil said after signing the agreement that these agreements will provide a good opportunity for the Saudi development fund to continue its efforts in Tunisia. He hoped that the agreement would be a useful contribution to the Tunisian development process.

He welcomed the Tunisian minister and said his visit is part of a series needed to promote and consolidate the already strong relations between the two countries. Saudi Arabia and Tunisia have many common factors which make them enthusiastic to cooperate at bilateral and international levels. He expressed admiration for the excellent efforts and planning features of Tunisia in imple-

menting its development schemes.

Mualla also commended the close cooperation between his country and Saudi Arabia and the efforts of the Saudi development fund. He said that these achievements were materialized in such a short time because of the understanding between the two sides.

The Tunisian minister said that cooperation between the two countries will increase in depth and "will be an ideal cooperation and an example in all fields." He expressed the gratitude of the government and people of Tunisia for the Kingdom's contribution.

Hospital in Dacca named after Khaled

DACCA, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Bangladesh President Justice Abdul Sattar opened Sunday the outpatient clinic wing of the Dacca children's hospital. The wing has been named after King Khaled in recognition of Kingdom's donation of SR1 million to the hospital.

The hospital's director and Saudi Arabian Ambassador here Sheikh Fuad Al-Khatib addressed a ceremony held on the occasion stressing the need to look after the health of children. They thanked the Kingdom for its support to projects which help the Muslim peoples.

GCC aide says foreign ministers to meet March 7

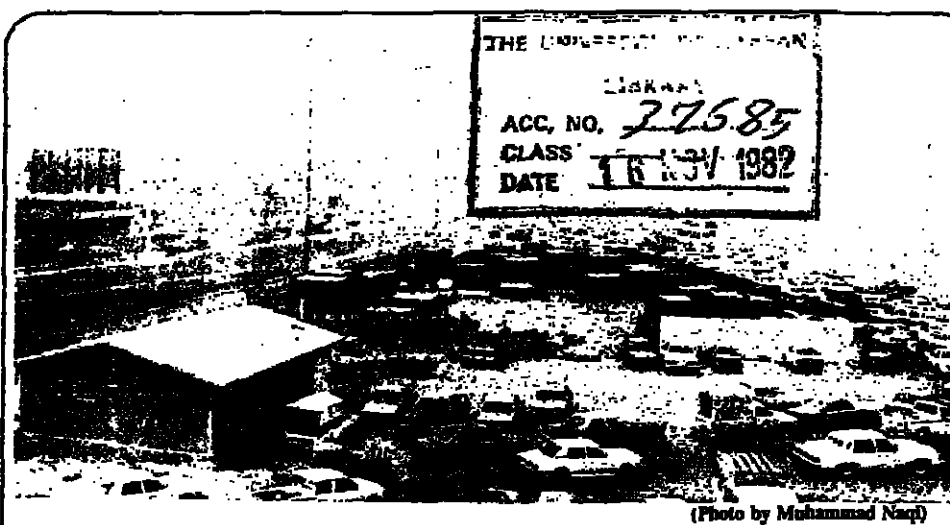
KUWAIT, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council states will meet in Riyadh March 7, according to GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara Sunday.

He said in a statement carried by the Kuwaiti News Agency Sunday that the foreign ministers' conference will be assigned to discuss developments which occurred since the second session of the GCC higher council meeting. These include executive steps regarding economic coordination recommended by the meetings of financial and economy and petroleum ministers.

Bishara added that the conference will also discuss other aspects of cooperation like the meeting of defense ministers during which a general framework for defense cooperation was drawn up, and the interior ministers' conference which resolved to conclude a comprehensive security agreement among the member states.

The foreign ministers will further discuss Arab political developments and results of the extraordinary session held in Bahrain recently. Other topics in the agenda will include important administrative issues, on top of which is approving the GCC secretariat general's first budget. Bishara was quoted as saying.

Member states of the GCC are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.



(Photo by Muhammad Naji)

SANDSTORM: A camera recorded the poor visibility in Jeddah at the peak of the sandstorm Sunday. From the new Prince Fahd flyover at Sateen Street, the Jeddah Rush Housing scheme's tall buildings about a kilometer away are completely screened by the sandstorm.

Jeddah hit by mid-day sandstorm

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — A sandstorm hit Jeddah Sunday limiting visibility to only 200 meters in some parts of the city, according to the Meteorology Department. Visibility dropped to a minimum in the northern parts of the city at 2 p.m., while the old part of Jeddah was better off with 500 meters visibility.

Southerly winds at a speed of 20 knots per hour started blowing dust at 11 a.m. The winds gained speed around 2.30 p.m. blowing at 32 knots per hour, thereby causing the sandstorm.

However, the Traffic Control Department of King Abdul Aziz International Airport reported no interruption of flights. Later in the afternoon, visibility improved to about one kilometer.

The sandstorm extended as far as Tabuk and Skaka in the Northern Region, near the border with Jordan. Visibility dropped to one kilometer there, while in Qasim, in the north-east, to one to three kilometers. In the Southern Region, only Sulayel was slightly affected with five kilometers visibility.

Governor chairs afforestation talks

TABUK, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid presided over a meeting of the tree-planting week committee here Sunday. The afforestation week begins Saturday.

The meeting discussed final plans for the

week and decided to begin the week with King Abdul Aziz garden in which many saplings will be planted. The week will conclude with the King Khaled garden, on the road to Jordan, the meeting decided. Government and private companies and students are taking part in the event.

Kuwaiti military chief sees army, air force works

TAIF, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Maj. Gen. Abdullah Al-Ghanem, Kuwaiti chief of staff, and his delegation toured the Prince Fahd Air Base here Sunday. The group was received by Maj. Gen. Abdullah Al-Zain, commander of Taif region, and senior officers of the Armed Forces.

The Kuwaiti officer and his party inspected the Maintenance Corps School and center. They arrived here earlier in the day from Khamis Mushayt in the Southern Region where they visited the King Khaled Air Base.

Ghanem began his tour of the Kingdom Saturday. He was received by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and held talks with Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of general staff. Their talks centered on issues of interest to the two countries and their armed forces.

In Khamis Mushayt, Ghanem was received and escorted by Maj. Gen. Yusuf Abdul Rahman Al-Rashed, Southern Region commander and Brig. Sulaiman Al-Anqari, commander of King Khaled air base. He visited the base's departments and was briefed on progress of work on construction. Upon his visit to the King Khaled Artillery Brigade, the Kuwaiti chief of staff saw daily exercises of personnel and the use of sophisticated military ware.

Maj. Gen. Ghanem also visited the King Faisal Mechanized Brigade and inspected some of the modern arms, before touring the King Faisal Military city's housing and medical units. Maj. Gen. Rashed gave a luncheon in his honor at the city.

Ghanem and his party had come from Riyadh earlier in the day. They were seen off by Maj. Gen. Abdul Hameed Al-Numan, commander of Riyadh air base, and Brig. Aqil Deifullah Al-Quwayi, director of the armed force's general affairs.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah met with Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri here Sunday. They reviewed road projects being implemented in Qasim. Discussions also covered the implementation of agricultural roads linking rural areas to the highways.

GENEVA (SPA) — AGFUND, the Arab Gulf program for U.N. development organizations, signed here Saturday an agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO), under which the program provides \$2.5 million for medical aid to 19 countries suffering from high death toll among children. It was signed by Prince Talal, head of AGFUND and special envoy of UNICEF.

RIYADH (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh leaves for Manama Monday to attend the seventh conference of agriculture ministers of the Gulf and Arab peninsula countries. The conference will discuss the development of water resources, the use of modern methods of irrigation and the utilization of sewage water for agricultural purposes.

AHSA (SPA) — The Endowments Department in Ahsa organizes a seminar Monday on the "importance of the mosque's message in the society". The seminar will be held under the auspices of Prince Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Jiluwi, governor of Ahsa. It is being organized to mark the fifth annual week for the care of mosques, now being held throughout the Kingdom.

JEDDAH (SPA) — The committee of the Third Islamic Summit of Makkah will meet here Friday for further consultations on working out a new strategy for ending the 17-month war between Iraq and Iran. Committee members, including President Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea; President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan; President Abdus Sattar of Bangladesh; PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat; the Turkish premier; and Malaysian foreign minister will start arriving here as from Wednesday for the meeting.

RIYADH (SPA) — Mayor of Riyadh Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim Sunday received here the managing delegations, participating in the Arabian Gulf and Arabian peninsula table tennis championship. Naim said such meetings strengthen the bonds of fraternity and cordiality. He briefed them on the municipality's projects and held a luncheon party in their honor.

RIYADH (SPA) — The regional bureau of the Middle East Committee for the Blind has published the 95th issue of *Al-Fajr* (Dawn) magazine. It is a cultural magazine printed in Braille for the use of the blind in the Kingdom and the Middle Eastern countries. The copies have been sent to subscribers in the Kingdom and abroad.

RIYADH (SPA) — Mauritanian Minister of Housing and Water Muhammad Ould Buih arrived here Sunday evening on a visit to the Kingdom which is expected to last for several days. He was met at the airport by Ibrahim Humad Al-Rashed, housing under-secretary, and several ministry officials.

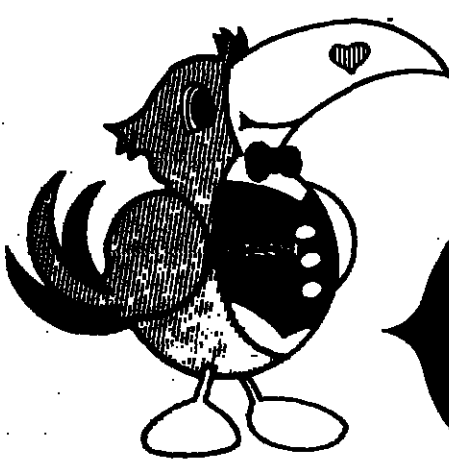
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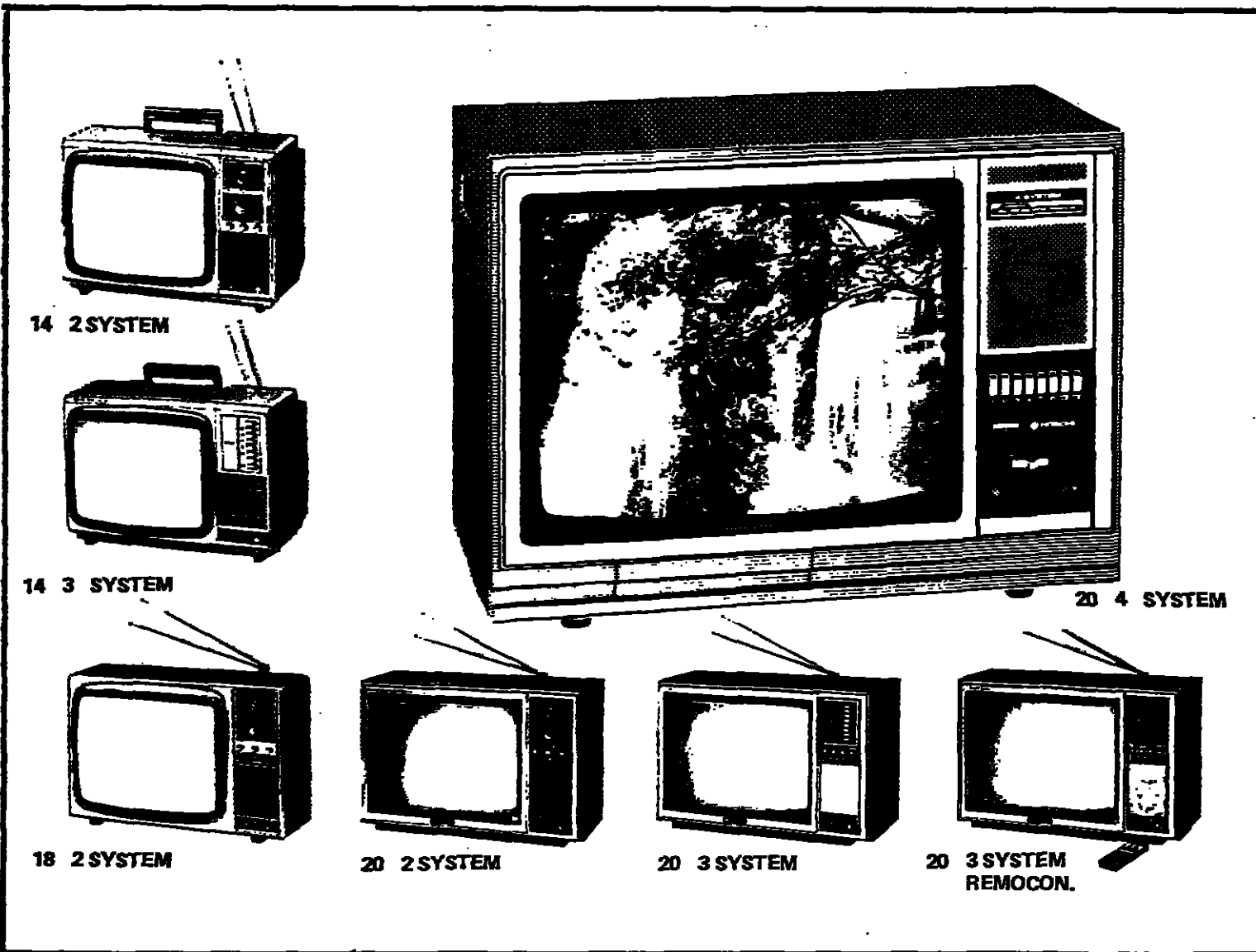
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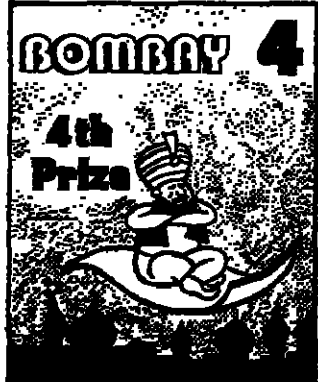
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Over Polisario admission

19 states boycott OAU

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 28 (AP) — Nineteen countries boycotted an Organization of African Unity foreign ministers' meeting Sunday in protest over the admission of the Polisario Front as the organization's 51st member.

But the Moroccan-led walkouts failed to keep the remaining delegations from proceeding with what was apparently intended as the final session of the meeting. The rump session had before it draft resolutions on South Africa, independence for the South African-controlled territory of South-West Africa (Namibia) and last November's abortive mercenary attack in the Seychelles.

Abdullah Tazi, No. 2 man in the Moroccan Foreign Ministry, angrily told reporters that Rabat considered Sunday's session "absolutely illegal" and its work "null and void." Morocco walked out of the ministerial meeting when it opened on Monday because of a surprise decision by OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo to seat the Polisario Front under the name Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.

The Polisario has been fighting Morocco for the past six years for independence of Western Sahara, which Morocco has annexed in stages since Spain withdrew in 1976. Throughout the week, Morocco lobbied to

get enough countries to boycott the meeting to prevent a two-thirds quorum and thus kill the conference before its scheduled end on Monday.

The target was 18 walkouts. That was reached Sunday when Upper Volta and Liberia became the 18th and 19th nations to say they would go along with Morocco in protesting the administrative manner in which the Polisario Front was admitted to the OAU. The boycotting nations wanted the controversial issue of Polisario admission dealt with at a meeting of OAU heads of state. Kodjo, of Togo, decided that Polisario should be seated in Addis Ababa because 26 OAU members — a simple majority — were in favor of its admission to the body and that this was in accordance with the OAU charter.

Diplomatic observers argued in the hallways over whether Sunday's session was legal. Polisario spokesman Muhammad Ould Salek told reporters that Liberia and Upper Volta made their declarations of withdrawal after the session opened with a two-thirds quorum of 34. But diplomats who follow OAU affairs said the meeting should have been suspended once there was no quorum and questioned whether the chairman, Botswana Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe, should have allowed it to proceed.

Begin justifies checkpoints in Sinai area

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin told Israeli settlers from the Sinai peninsula Sunday that his government would keep opponents of Israel's pullback out of Sinai until it is turned over to Egypt in April, Armed Forces radio reported.

Begin was quoted as saying that army checkpoints on roads into Sinai were not intended to interfere with the settlers' activities, but only to keep non-residents out of the area. Begin met the settlers at his home while tension grew at army barricades on roads leading into Sinai. Several hundred angry settlers gathered at a roadblock outside Yamit, the largest Israeli settlement in northern Sinai, and threatened to use force to remove the barricades.

Other settlers started blocking the main road outside Yamit with old cars and barrels, sources in the town said. Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon ordered Sinai sealed off Friday to prevent opponents of Israel's pullback from reaching the area.

Only residents of the settlements were allowed to pass the roadblocks after showing their identity papers.

Reagan sends message to Mubarak on Mideast

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has sent Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak a message on "the current developments in the Middle East" and Mubarak has in turn sent Reagan an "urgent" message.

The message to Mubarak was brought by Egypt's Ambassador to Washington Ashraf Ghobral who came to Cairo, according to Scores of rebels

slain, says Kabul

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (AP) — Afghanistan claimed Saturday that scores of rebels were killed in fighting with government troops in the provinces of Zabul, Helmand, and Baghlan.

Three insurgent leaders, Abdul Majid Abdul Rahman and Fazal Haq, and their followers were "wiped out" by security forces in the village of Omarzai of Zabul province, Radio Afghanistan reported.

In Nad Ali and Nawa areas of Helmand, two groups of rebels were "liquidated" and a large quantity of weapons and ammunition with U.S. Chinese and Egyptian markings recovered, said the Pushto-language broadcast, monitored in India.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Hassan Kamel Ali. The semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* did not hint on the contents of the messages.

Ghobral has returned to Washington. Ali said he had also given Ghobral a message to be relayed to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig concerning Shamir's visit to Cairo. The Israeli minister ended his Cairo talks without any visible progress on Palestinian autonomy or fixing a date for Mubarak's next visit to Israel.

The autonomy negotiations, in which the United States is participating, aim to provide self-rule for Palestinians living under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza. Israel seeks to give them minimal authority, while Egypt seeks full legislative, judicial and executive powers.

Ali Saturday also disputed a press report quoting Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin as telling Mubarak that his planned visit to Israel would be viewed as an "undesirable" political act if it did not include Jerusalem.

"There was no such tone and no such wording," Ali said in telephone remarks to the Associated Press. "No final decision has yet been made on the visit's program and its timing," Ali added.

Palestinians, Syrians to work in unity

DAMASCUS, Feb. 28 (R) — Syrian and Palestinian delegations have agreed to continue talks on a "unified working strategy," it was announced here Saturday night.

The announcement, by the official Syrian news agency Sana and the Palestine news agency Wafa, followed a meeting between Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and a delegation of the mainstream Palestinian group Fatah. The agencies said the two delegations reviewed their viewpoints toward current developments in the Arab region and "conspiracies to which Syria and the Palestinian revolution are being subjected, and which are aimed against their steadfastness in confronting Zionist and imperialist designs."

"They agreed to continue the talks in pursuit of a unified working strategy and would resume their meetings early next week, the agencies said."

In Beirut, a member of the Fatah delegation was quoted as saying the talks would deal with "faults that have arisen" in relations with Syria, but gave no details. Nimr Saleh told the Lebanese left-wing newspaper *Al-Safir* that unidentified forces were trying to drive wedges between Fatah and Damascus.

Arab committee postpones talks

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R) — Arab ministers working to end years of faction fighting in Lebanon have postponed a meeting planned for Monday, official sources said Sunday.

They said members of the Arab League "Follow-up" Committee on Lebanon had decided to put off the meeting "until circumstances permit positive action toward carrying out the resolutions of previous meetings."

Committee plans to stop illegal arms imports into Lebanon by sea and redeploy troops in Beirut have not been put into effect. The committee, which has representatives from Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait and the Arab League last met in November. Monday's meeting has already been postponed once. It was originally scheduled for mid-January.

During December

CIA reports bid on Qaddafi's life

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — The CIA has evidence Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi was the target of an assassination attempt two months ago and he apparently escaped with a bullet nick in the jaw, *The Washington Post* reported in its Sunday editions.

The newspaper quoted an unnamed "senior government official" as the source of its report. News reports of the attack appeared in Rome and Tunis but were not given much credence at the time. *The Post* report said the CIA now has evidence to confirm the incident, but did not describe what the evidence was.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson was out of town and unreachable, his family said. The reported attack was carried out by "one or more officers" of Qaddafi's army, probably after they returned from Chad, and the

attempt received no external support from any foreign country, the newspaper said. The attack took place during the last two weeks of December while Qaddafi was visiting a headquarters area in the Libyan countryside, the report said.

The reports from Rome and Tunis said the attempt occurred Dec. 19 and that an eastern area army commander, Col. Khalifa Khadir, was shot and killed by Qaddafi's bodyguards during the attempt, the newspaper said.

State Department spokesman Rush Taylor said he had no information about the alleged plot against Qaddafi.

Meanwhile, in Tunis Qaddafi announced Saturday that he himself will attend future sessions of the Arab summit conference suspended last November after a brief initial sitting in Fez, Morocco. Qaddafi returned to Libya Sunday.

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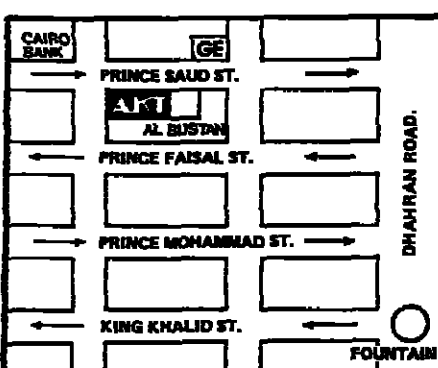
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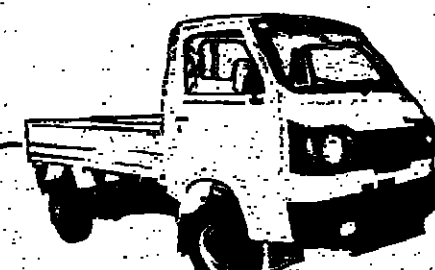
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Top Iranian official, two others killed

TEHRAN, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Gunmen were Sunday reported to have assassinated Hojatoleslam Mostafa Hojati, deputy head of a southwest Tehran Revolutionary Committee, during a night of violence which left six dead in the Iranian capital.

The dead also included a revolutionary guard and a basiji — member of a "mobilization" movement of deprived people — in the same suburb, the daily newspaper *Ettelaat* said. Observers Sunday saw the deaths, and other incidents in the last three days which included an attempt on the life of the Iranian police chief, as an indication of renewed tension in the capital.

The gunmen, "hypocrites" of the leftwing Mujahadeen movement, fired at Hojatoleslam Hojati from a car, while he was on his way home from a mosque, the paper said. One of the "hypocrites" — an official designation used here for Mujahadeen — later

Palme leaves after talks in Tehran

LONDON, Feb. 28 (R) — United Nations special envoy Olof Palme left Tehran Sunday for Geneva after three days of talks with officials in another mediation attempt to end the Iran-Iraq war, Tehran, radio reported.

The former Swedish prime minister has made four previous attempts to end the 17-month-old Gulf war. The radio, monitored in London, said Palme met President Ali Khomeini and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati who outlined Iran's conditions for a peaceful solution. These were

Egypt to build eight nuclear plants

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (R) — Egypt is planning to use nuclear power to generate 40 percent of its electricity needs by the year 2000, according to Petroleum Minister Ahmad Ezzeddin Hilal.

He told a press conference after an international gas seminar in Cairo that Egypt was planning to construct eight nuclear power plants. The first, built by France, would be in operation by the end of the decade. The minister said the program would cost a total of

Papandreou meets Greek Cypriots

NICOSIA, Feb. 28 (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou Sunday met Greek Cypriot political leaders, parliamentarians and mayors and discussed the future of the divided island of Cyprus.

Papandreou, the first Greek prime minister to visit the island since independence in 1960, arrived here Saturday with a pledge to free Cyprus from what he called foreign occupation. Troops from the Turkish mainland have occupied the northern sector of the island since 1974.

Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist move-

committed suicide by taking cyanide in a house where he took refuge, it added.

One Mujahadeen was also killed and two others arrested, and one security force member killed, when revolutionary guards Saturday night raided a north Tehran house used as a Mujahadeen storage depot.

Meanwhile, the government daily *Islamic Republic*, quoting the commander of the national police force said a total of 178,000 persons have entered Iran illegally since last March 20.

Most of those entering had slipped across Iran's eastern frontiers with Pakistan and Afghanistan, he indicated, without giving reasons for their arrival or their nationality. He also reported that 85 percent of the armed opposition in the northern forests of Guilan and Mazandaran had been "wiped out" and that military helicopter teams had found the bodies of guerrillas "frozen stiff," the newspaper said.

The Iranian National News Agency (IRNA) quoted Parliament Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying there was nothing new in Palme's proposals for ending the war. The proposals, which have not been made public, have been rejected by Iran which refuses to negotiate with Iraq unless Iraqi forces withdraw from Iran.

The program would produce 8,000 megawatts of electricity, freeing the annual equivalent of \$5 billion for other uses, Hilal said Saturday night.

\$34 billion until the end of the century. The first plant would be built at Daba'a, on the Mediterranean 200 kms west of Alexandria and far from the main Egyptian population centers. Others may be located in the Sinai, officials say.

ment, which came to power last October, has adopted a tougher stand than the previous conservative administration toward Turkey. Speaking on arrival at Larnaca airport, where thousands of Greek Cypriots gave him a tumultuous reception, Papandreou said the occupation was "the key problem" and could not be solved through the present intercommunal talks.

He said he would press for "internationalization" of the Cyprus dispute — a reference to plans for a broad East-West conference under United Nations auspices.

Habib arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (AP) — U.S. special envoy Philip C. Habib arrived from Lebanon Sunday for talks with Israeli leaders on the troubled ceasefire between Israel and Palestinians in Lebanon.

After two days of discussions with Lebanese officials in Beirut, Habib was expected to be in Israel two or three days. He made no comment to reporters upon his arrival here. Habib's mediation led to the ceasefire last July, ending a two-week war of heavy shelling between Israel and the Palestinians. Israel alleges that the Palestinians are building up their forces in southern Lebanon and has threatened it will attack south Lebanon soon.

The U.S. State Department disputes Israel's assessment and says there has been no big buildup in Lebanon or any fundamental change in the balance of forces.

Habib had no meetings scheduled Sunday. On Monday, he is to see Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

U.S. officials are keeping secret details of Habib's program and the special envoy has said nothing to reporters about the aims of his visit, his fifth to the Middle East since a Syrian-Israeli crisis erupted in April of last year. But Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan said Saturday that he and Habib had discussed ways of strengthening the ceasefire which Habib helped to work out between Palestinians and Israelis last July.

He said Habib had not presented him with any specific proposals.

Saleh returns home after tour

SANAA, Feb. 28 (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh returned home Sunday after a tour of seven Arab countries during which he conferred on the Middle East situation and held talks on increasing aid to his country.

The trip took him to Oman, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan, Iraq and Qatar. President Saleh agreed on Qatari contributions to North Yemeni development projects with Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani in a meeting Saturday night. North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al-Thor, who accompanied Col. Saleh, said.

Before his departure from Doha, President Saleh repeated a call for the settlement of inter-Arab disputes in order to put up a unified front against Israel.

Saleh's visit to Jordan was described by the North Yemeni embassy officials in Amman as very successful and they said the talks covered ways of boosting relations between North Yemen and Jordan. His trip to Iraq also was very productive as President Saddam Hussein pledged that Iraq was prepared to fight for North Yemen if a need arose.

Israelis arrest four Golan agitators

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (AP) — Police arrested four persons Saturday when a leftist group demonstrated outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home here for the release of detained Druse Arab leaders from the Golan Heights, Israel television reported.

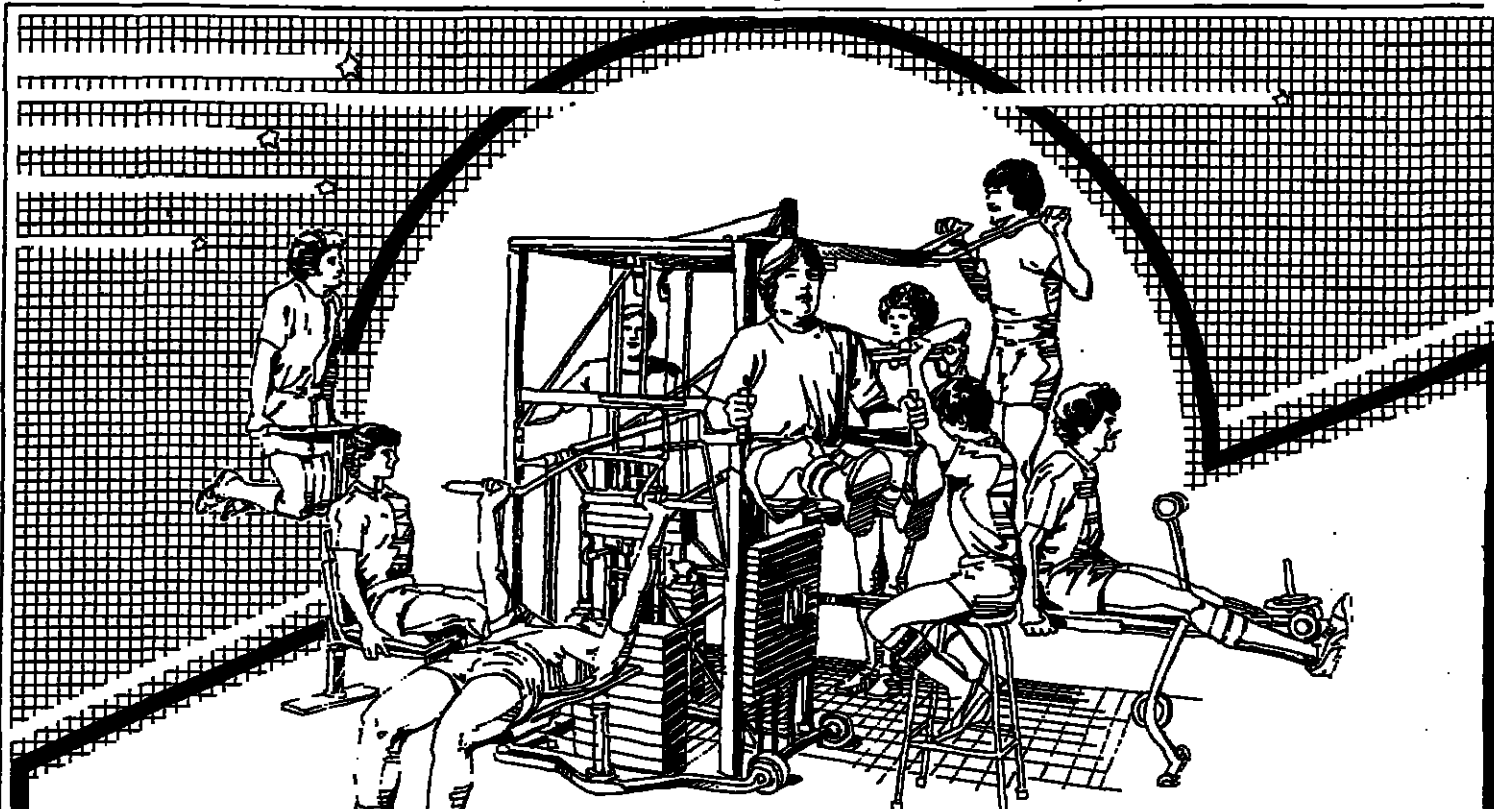
The group of about 50 Arabs, part of the committee for solidarity with Bir Zeit University, also called for the reopening of the university, the television said. Bir Zeit, a

center of Palestinian nationalism on the occupied West Bank, was closed two weeks ago by Israeli authorities after students there attacked two Israeli education officials. Bir Zeit is located near Ramallah.

The university resumed classes eight weeks ago after a two-month shut-down and the present closure has upset everyone. Israeli troops have been arresting students, teachers and others in the area for possession of Pal-

stinian literature.

Druse Arabs, have been on strike in the Golan Heights ever since the closure. The general strike was launched after four Druse leaders, including a former member of the Syrian parliament, were placed under administrative detention after stating publicly they would resist Israeli aggression. Israel occupied the Golan Heights from Syria in 1967, and annexed it last December.



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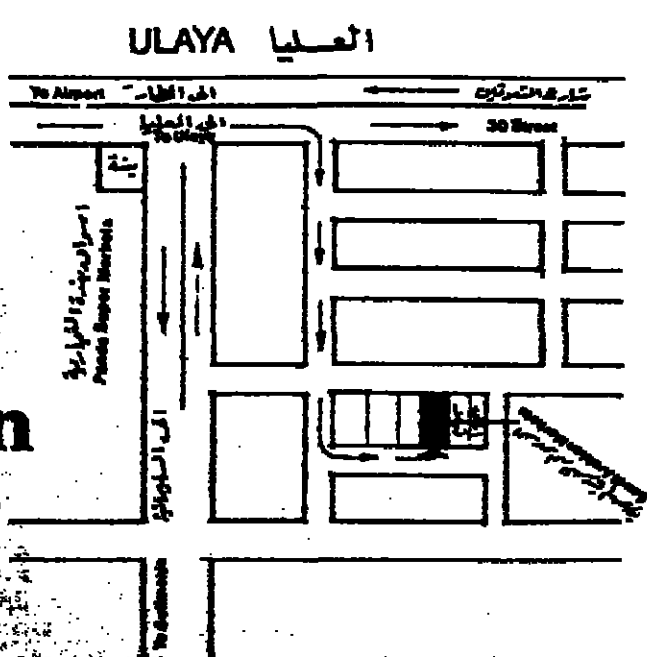
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The verbal warfare now taking place in the Middle East is causing the temperature to reach the boiling point with numerous observers on all sides providing the fuel to heat the flame. One key reason for the pressure is, as usual, Israel, which has been losing ground. The Zionists figure that if they continue to stir things up in the Middle East Israel will have little more to lose and much to gain.

Israel's latest move in its verbal war is the announcement and confirmation that a strike into southern Lebanon is planned due to the alleged buildup of Palestinian arms in the area.

At the same time, the one legitimate "observer" in the area, the United Nations, has been given permission to increase the number of peacekeeping forces in the area — but has no arms with which to enforce its mandate, rather like sending firemen to fight a fire with no water.

It is obvious (or should be) to everyone, Israel has come to a turning point and sees itself in grave danger. Recent actions by Zionist forces have placed Israel in a very precarious position with some persons objecting to Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai, while others want to take over the Syrian Golan Heights. Thus, Israel is in a "take-all or lose" position and is continuing to stir up trouble in the Middle East to confuse the situation. It is not the first time Zionists have used this tactic and will probably not be the last.

The United States, in the meantime, while slapping Israel on the wrist for its threats, is at the same time placing funds into its hand and making promises to maintain its "arms supremacy." The U.S. State Department has, for once, refuted Israeli claims that there is an arms buildup in South Lebanon, and said that any Israeli action in South Lebanon would be unwarranted. At the same time, the United States has done nothing to cool the raging inferno.

Even if there was an arms buildup in South Lebanon, how can such a buildup be questioned by the United States when that measure is in response to the "qualitative edge" they have provided Israel with. Obviously if the United States does decide to provide Jordan with F-16 fighter planes and Hawk anti-aircraft missiles it will help to move the Middle East toward more balance. It is impossible, however, to ascertain how many U.S. arms to Israel can be increased. Such an act would upset U.S. taxpayers who foot the bill for such arms and other constructive forces who have been attempting to obtain a lasting peace in the area.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Tunisian premier's visit to the Kingdom, the worldwide support for the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East, Greece's backing to the legitimate Arab rights and the return of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to the Mideast figured for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

Referring to the visit of Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mazali to the Kingdom, *Okaz* described the trip as of great importance "since it will further promote the existing cooperation between the two brotherly countries."

The paper underlined the strong coordination between the two countries' foreign policies and their joint efforts in backing the Arab and Islamic issues led by the Palestinian cause.

Al-Madani emphasized Mazali's talks with Crown Prince Fahd will further boost Arab solidarity and help create a collective solid Arab front to face the Israeli challenges.

"The deliberations will also help the Arab campaign seeking worldwide support for a just and comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict," it said.

Al-Bilad said the overwhelmingly Arab, Islamic and international support given to the Arab peace plan shows that the Saudi Arabian eight-point formula has

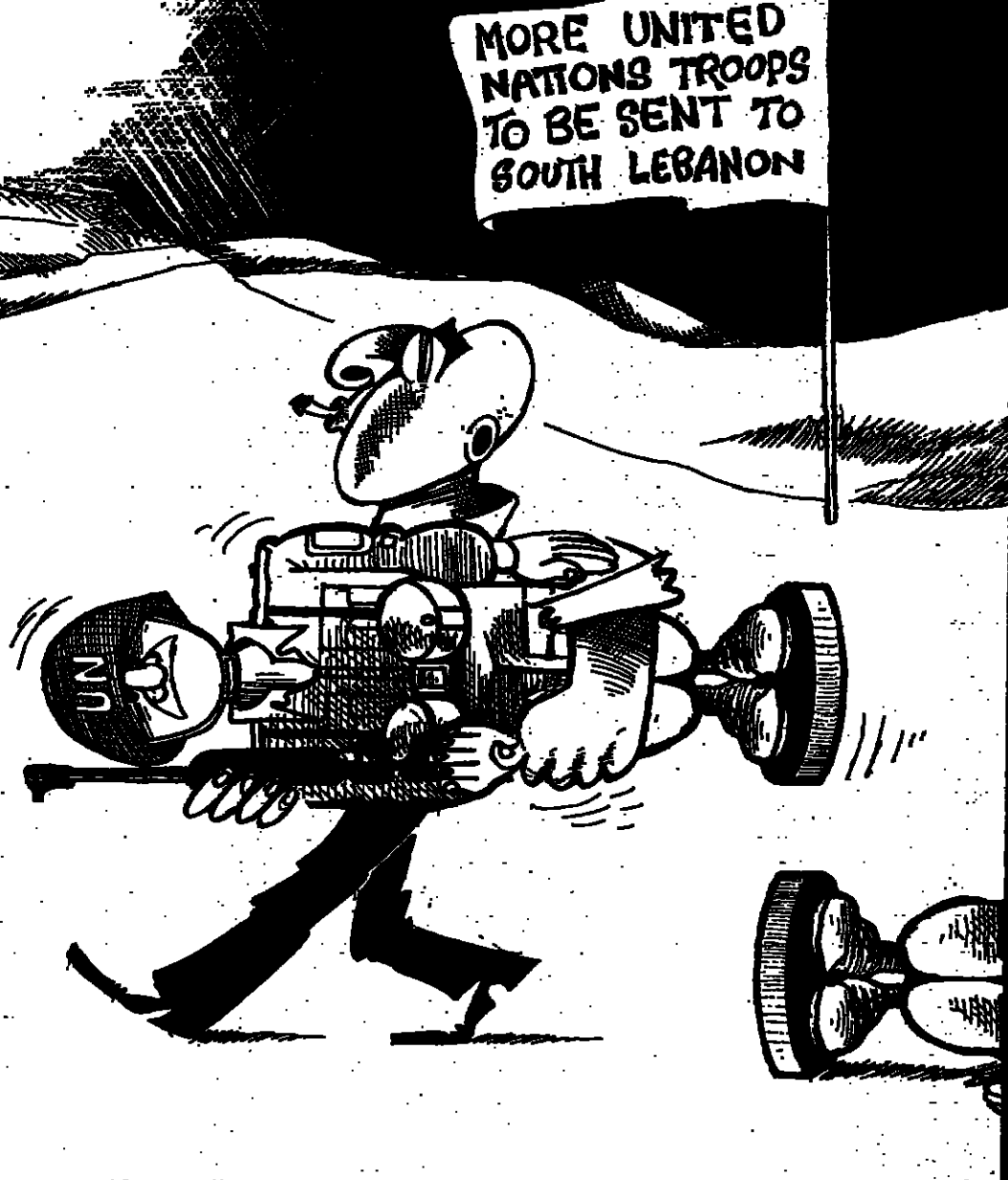
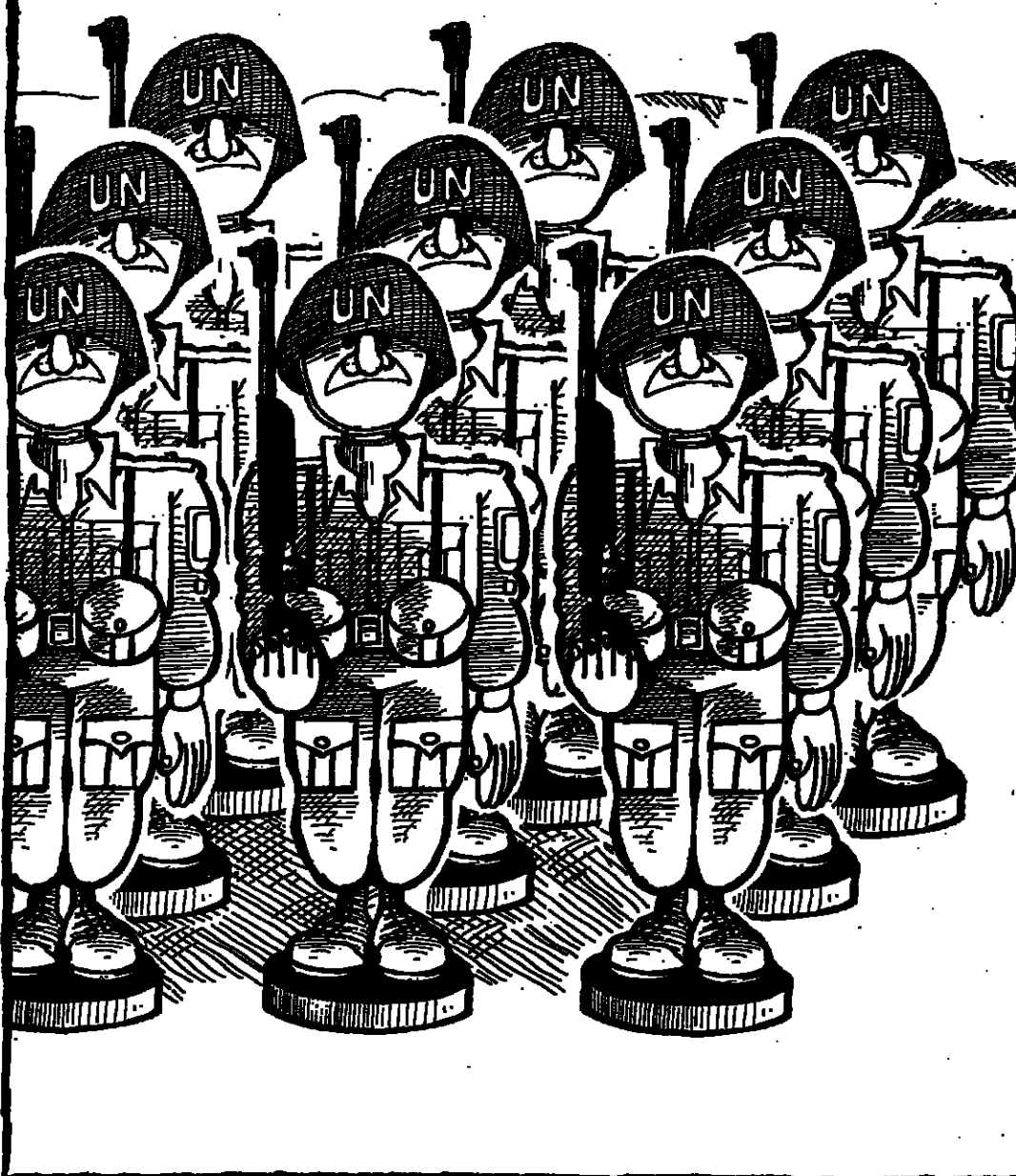
opened new scopes for a just and durable solution to the long-standing Mideast conflict which has placed the region and the whole world on the verge of an all-out war.

Dealing with the arrival of U.S. special envoy in Beirut on the first leg of his Mideast shuttling mission amid mounting tension in the region arising from the Israeli threats to attack southern Lebanon, *Al-Jazirah* urged the U.S. to apply pressure on the Zionist enemy and force it to rescind its premeditated aggression.

"Washington can easily pressure Israel by suspending its huge military and economic aid to Tel Aviv and denying the Zionist entity the destructive U.S. weapons which Israel uses to carry out its expansionist designs against the Arab states," the paper said.

Hailing the Greek stance on the Arab cause, *Al-Riyadh* said Greece is the first among the EEC countries to officially recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The paper called for enhancing cooperation with Greece "in order to foil Israel's designs aimed at changing Athens' fair stand toward the Arabs' just cause and rescinding its support for Arab and Palestinian rights." (SPA)



Poles start to hit back at martial law

By Neal Ascherson

LONDON — An ancient precept, as well known in Warsaw as elsewhere, advises that if you are going to hit the man at the next table, hit him so that he stays knocked out. It is failure to observe this simple rule of life which has put the military regime in Poland into such a dangerous position. While internal political struggles continue to paralyze Gen. Jaruzelski's government, the last three weeks have brought unmistakable signs that the population is regaining the nerve to organize and to demonstrate against him.

As the third month of martial law opened, columns of armor drove up and down Warsaw's main streets while the police launched a two-day sweep which brought in nearly 4,000 offenders for mostly petty breaches of regulations.

This has not prevented open anti-regime demonstrations in Poznan and Swidnik. Travelers coming out of Poland report that the student young, especially, are joining clandestine networks in large numbers. The coup of Dec. 13, was harsh enough to outrage and alienate most Poles, but it was not harsh enough to terrorize them into permanent resignation. Stunned at first, Poland is coming round and already showing anger.

The Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party met last week to debate the future of Gen. Jaruzelski and of military rule in an attempt to reassert its authority. The battle between hard-liners ("the police faction," as one Pole put it) and the more moderate group around Jaruzelski himself has not been settled. The Supreme Army Command and is said to be equally divided.

In consequence, the Poles still have no idea where they are to be taken. The rebukes and exhortations in the official media are almost all aimed at rival party factions. The population is left to think its own thoughts, which are increasingly ugly.

There is no mistaking the aim of the hard-liners. Norbert Michalski, head of the party Social Sciences College, spelled it out recently: the party has been on the wrong track ever since the liberalization of 1956. It discarded its leading position, "retreated from a position of class policy" and adopted the slogan of a "better quality of life for the whole nation." The recipe of the faction to which Michalski belongs is, in a word, neo-Stalinism.

This offensive puts Jaruzelski and his allies in a grotesque position. Their policy is that a return to a sanitized version of the pre-December democracy — even a sanitized Solidarity — is possible. Military rule is just a "shield" behind which the necessary reforms of prices and industry can be carried through, while the "extremist" leaders of Solidarity are kept out of the game. Then civilian rule can be restored, and a more disciplined version of "national renewal" can commence.

There are two snags. The first is the vast resentment generated by the coup, which has probably wrecked any chance of cooperation between society and even a liberalized Communist Party. In their internment camps, the Solidarity leaders are talking themselves into far more radical and uncompromising opposition than before. The second is that the "moderates" around Jaruzelski — Mieczyslaw Rakowski, Kazimierz Barcikowski and others — seem to be losing the battle to control what remains of the party.

The logic is plain. To keep the hard-liners out, they must invent some quite new way of governing Poland. To return Poland to civilian party rule would probably mean neo-Stalinist dictatorship in present circumstances. The answer might be some five-legged Polish camel of a solution: a power bloc made up of some party leaders, some church representatives, a bouquet of respected professors, a general or two and any trade union leaders who would cooperate — a chance, perhaps, to solve the Walesa deadlock.

But time is short. More economic reform bills will soon be put before parliament, but stand little chance of being effective unless a political solution is found. Mieczyslaw Rakowski is already late with his proposals on trade union law, a subject of intense argument between the party factions. (ONS)

Internal quarrels threaten Britain's Labor Party

By Barry May

LONDON — A truce between the feuding left and right wings of Britain's opposition Labor Party, recently proclaimed with much fanfare, is coming under renewed strain. Belligerents on both sides of the ideological divide are back on the offensive as Labor's internal quarrels rather than challenges to the Conservative government once again dominate party discussions.

Several dozen of the 635 local constituency Labor parties are dominated by extreme left-wingers and there is a battle for control in many more. Hard-left militants number only a small fraction of Labor Party members. But as only a handful of the 350,000 members take an active role, the militants often dominate.

About 40 of Labor's 239 members of parliament support left-wing leader Tony Benn. One faction, the Marxist militant tendency, which is said to have 60 full-time workers in the party, has a target of capturing 400 constituencies for extreme left candidates.

Some moderate or center-right Labor members of parliament have already been ousted by the extreme Left's activists as candidates for the next general election, still as far as two years away.

Extra-parliamentary action — a euphemism commonly assumed in the context of the Labor movement to mean anything from peaceful demonstrations to violence — has been defended in a declaration by a group of 32 prospective Labor candidates.

Leftist tracts that usually receive little notice have suddenly attracted national press attention. One fringe group of extreme leftists wants parliament abolished and replaced by workers' councils. Another group is reported to be planning to turn Labor into a revolutionary Marxist organization which would install a government that could face "attempts at a Bonapartist royalist coup" leading to civil war.

OUA states split over Polisario

By Stephen Hughes

RABAT — Six years ago, Spain hauled down its flag over the Western Sahara and withdrew its foreign legion, leaving Morocco and Mauritania to fight Polisario Front guerrillas over the desert territory and its large phosphate deposits.

Mauritania has since renounced all claim to the territory but the conflict continues both on the ground and at the Organization of African Unity (OAU), where member states are split over whether to make the guerrillas self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) the OAU's 51st member.

Last week, Morocco and 18 other delegations walked out of the OAU's annual ministerial meeting in Addis Ababa in protest against the admission to the meeting of the SADR as an OAU full member and not just an observer. Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta accused the OAU's Togolese secretary-general, Edem Kodjo, of a "fraudulent maneuver" saying he had sneaked the SADR into the organization on his own initiative without consulting heads of state.

King Hassan of Morocco, who refuses to recognize or negotiate with the Polisario, condemned the move as a flagrant violation of the OAU Charter and said it was "obviously null and void."

Morocco and Mauritania divided the area between them in 1976, under an accord signed with Spain in Madrid. The Polisario has proclaimed the area, vacated by Spain on Feb. 26, 1976 as the SADR. In 1979, Mauritania, which controlled the southern sector, signed a separate peace with the guerrillas and renounced all sovereignty over the area. Rabat then took over the administration of the whole territory.

Last week's OAU walkout followed the unannounced appearance at the ministerial meeting of Ibrahim Hakim, who acts as SADR's foreign minister, in his flowing blue Saharan robe. Hakim said the OAU had admitted his delegation to the talks because 26 of the OAU's 50 members had recognized the SADR's right to speak for the territory.

"The decision is final. We are a member state of the OAU," he told reporters. "The secretary-general of the OAU sent us a letter recently notifying us of admission to the OAU."

But the Moroccan Foreign Ministry says current OAU chairman, President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, told the Moroccan ambassador in Nairobi the SADR's membership was "null and void," as only the OAU heads of state could settle the matter.

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A secret document purported to come from the militant tendency and reported by the *Sunday Times* newspaper advocated a confrontation with "the capitalist class", adding: "This could lead to a full-scale confrontation — a royalist-Bonapartist coup which, in its turn, would lead to civil war."

A separate declaration by another left-wing organization endorsed by the 32 candidates stated that extra-parliamentary action must play a major role in the efforts of the Labor movement to establish a democratic Socialist society in Britain.

Socialist Organizer, an alliance of extreme-left groups, openly declared its aim to overthrow what it saw as the present ruling top five percent of the population and replace parliamentary democracy by "a higher form of democracy."

"We propose the democracy of workers' councils, uniting legislative and executive powers, sweeping away the present Tory (Conservative) dominated permanent military-bureaucratic state apparatus," it said.

Alarmed at the damage such radical talk could do to Labor's election prospects, leading figures at the center and on the right wing of the party — including former cabinet Minister Roy Hattersley — want the extremists thrown out of the party. They have also sought a ruling from the party's governing National Executive Committee (NEC) that extremists selected to replace sitting Labor MPs be barred from standing as the party's candidates.

The latest casualties are Frank Hooley, a university administrator from the steel-producing center of Sheffield, and Stanley Cohen, a former tailor from the northern industrial city of Leeds. Both men have been replaced by more left-wing candidates selected by local party activists.

Labor leader Michael Foot, who talked Hooley out of quitting to join the newly formed Social

Democratic Party in December, has been urged by the moderates to lead the fight to restore his status and keep him in the party. Foot, for years a symbol of the Left as a firebrand orator in defense of social causes, launched an investigation into the militant tendency in December.

The results of the inquiry, whose purpose is to discover whether the faction is a party within the party and thus proscribed by Labor's internal regulations, are due in June. But at a January meeting of the two factions it was agreed there would be no drastic action against the militant tendency.

In return, Benn was reported to have agreed not to renew his challenge for the party's deputy leadership — which he lost only narrowly last year — before the next election. Benn, a populist hailed by much of Labor's far Left, has remained publicly silent of late.

Lord Underhill, formerly Labor's national organizer, has warned the party that it must act against the extremists if it is to build credibility as an alternative government and win the next election, due by May 1984.

Commenting on the continuing turmoil in the Labor movement, the *Times* of London said the central question in the party's internal conflicts was how far it was legitimate for those who claimed to be democrats to support extra-parliamentary activity.

The critical division was between those forms of extra-parliamentary activity which were consistent with parliamentary democracy and those which were calculated to undermine or replace it.

Foot, who has been embattled almost since the day he became party leader in November 1980, has won important victories in his fight against what is known as the hard Left. He has temporarily blocked, because of alleged irregularities, the replacement as Labor's candidates of veteran right-winger Ben Ford, a sitting MP, by militant Patrick Wall, in the northern city of Bradford. But Wall could still win another selection contest and other supporters of the militant tendency have already been endorsed by some of the party leadership. (R)

The major stumbling block for the OAU's plan for a ceasefire and self-determination referendum in the territory, accepted by King Hassan at the organization's 18th summit in Nairobi last June, is the identity of the parties to the conflict.

The Polisario and Algeria insist Morocco must negotiate a ceasefire with the guerrillas but King Hassan says Algeria and Mauritania are the real parties to the conflict as they harbor the guerrillas. The Moroccan view is that a ceasefire should be simply decreed by the OAU and Algeria and Mauritania should be ordered to seal off their frontiers to stop guerrilla infiltration.

A seven-nation OAU "implementation committee", charged with carrying out the ceasefire and referendum plan, met in Nairobi in February and authorized President Moi to break the deadlock by consulting "the parties concerned". These have never been named by the OAU leaders. The next summit of OAU heads of state and government will be held in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, next June.

On the battlefield, there have been significant changes over the past year. Both Rabat and the guerrillas have accused each other of escalating the war. Morocco says the guerrillas have introduced heavy and sophisticated Soviet-made weapons, while the Polisario says the conflict has been internationalized with the United States promising Morocco substantially increased military aid.

Washington promised more military equipment after guerrillas launched a major attack on the outpost of Guelta Zemmur last October. Morocco says the guerrillas fielded Soviet-built T-54 and T-55 tanks, and SAM-6 and SAM-8 missiles for the first time.

Rabat says Algeria and Libya supplied these weapons and the pro-government press says Morocco is being assailed by a "Communist conspiracy" led by the Soviet Union.

After the October attack, Moroccan forces withdrew from Guelta Zemmur and dug in behind a 640-km line of defenses built during 1981. The line protects what Rabat calls the "useful Sahara", which includes the main towns and phosphate mines. So far, this line has proved impenetrable with its three-meter high ridges of sand and rock, minefields, barbed wire, entanglements and electronic surveillance devices, backed up by mobile intervention forces and supersonic aircraft. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 1st, the 60th day of 1982. There are 305 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1553 — League of Heidelberg is formed by Catholic and Protestant princes in Germany to prevent election of Philip of Spain as Roman emperor.

1562 — 1,200 French Huguenots are slain at massacre of Vassy, provoking first war of religion in France.

1799 — Turks and Russians complete conquest of Ionian Islands in Greece.

1815 — Napoleon Bonaparte lands in France, forcing Louis XVIII to flee.

1915 — Russian and Japanese forces engage in battle at Mukden, Manchuria.

1932 — Infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh, famed aviator, is kidnapped from home near Hopewell, New Jersey.

1943 — Britain's Royal Air Force begins systematic bombing of European railway systems in World War II.

1950 — Klaus Fuchs, an American, is found guilty of betraying atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

1954 — First conference of Organization of American States opens in Caracas, Venezuela.

1959 — Archbishop Makarios returns from exile to Cyprus.

1970 — Rhodesia's white minority government formally severs last tie with British crown, dissolves parliament and declares racially segregated republic.

1980 — Colombia government starts negotiations with leftists holding some 40 hostages in Dominican Republic Embassy.

1981 — It is disclosed that U.S. astronomers have identified a galaxy estimated to be ten billion light years away, surpassing previously held most-distant galaxy by two billion light years.

Thought for today:
One cannot know everything — Horace Roman poet.

Abqaiq salt mines 5,000 years old; travel was by caravan, now by truck

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

ABQAIQ — "Back to the salt mines," called Alec McClelland, President of the Arabian Natural History Association (ANHA), as he led 50 of its members to the Abqaiq salt pits.

It looked like a Canadian lake during a spring thaw. Snow-like slush crunched underfoot, not the virgin white of the first snowflakes, but a late February slush. Dozens of pale green plastic bags full of salt dotted the edges of each pond. With many heave-ho's, the South Indian workers loaded dozens of the sacks onto a gaily decorated truck bound for Kuwait.

At another pit, two Saudi Arabians from Hafuf labored on in the midday sun, tossing up yet more shovelfuls of the wet gritty crystals from the pit onto its bank.

Ismail Issa Ismail has worked at the salt pits for over a year. He scoops up the salt and tosses it onto the growing mound of crystal like a child building a sand castle. Both he and his mate, Ravi Muhammad Qatim, another Hafufi, wear black rubber gloves to protect their hands from the sting of the salt water.

With their thobes tucked up above their knees, they stood barefoot in the shin-high salty water. Asked if the brine didn't irritate

his feet, Ismail laughed good-naturedly, and said that he had gotten used to it and that anyway his feet were now very tough-skinned. He estimated that he and Qatim shoveled about 600 to 700 kilos of salt a day before heading back to their families in Hafuf each evening.

A few meters away at a nearby pit, Ali Ahmed Solaibi was also shoveling the salt. He conceded the work was hard, but claimed to prefer it to factory work. Still it was not ideal, and what he would really like was to be a driver like Hamad Said, his friend who also comes from the oasis town of Saihat. Said drives about 400 kilometers a day delivering these sacks of salt that have been so laboriously obtained.

"Then," said the driver wearing a sporty sky-blue thobe, "I go home to relax, to watch TV or the video and play with my 4 year-old son, Ghassan." Ali Ahmed Solaibi can also drive, he claimed, he does not have Said's driving school credentials that would make him eligible for an easier life, so he makes do.

And he is proud, too, of the social value of his work. "Man needs salt," he said, "What would food be without salt?"

"There is salt between us," is the old Arab proverb for friendship. And in English, to describe someone as the "salt of the earth," is to

pay him the highest of compliments. In the days when salt was carried in packs on the backs of camels in caravans, it was highly prized and expensive.

Salt has been mined at Abqaiq for over 5,000 years. Several thousands of years ago, a settlement developed here beside a vast lake. Over the centuries the lake dried up as the sun evaporated the water. The salt was left behind. Drillers have found salt 20 feet below the surface of the earth here.

To get at this salt is easy. "Holes are dug in the *sabkha* or salt flats," explained McClelland. "These fill up with water because the water table is so high. The water itself is so salty that crystals start growing from the sides and on the bottom."

The Research Institute of the University of Petroleum and Minerals suggests salt flats may be solar energy producers in the future. Relatively cheap, and easy to construct, the solar energy ponds may supply up to 5 percent of the country's energy needs by 2000 A.D.

In the past, salt was used principally to flavor food and to preserve it from the attacks of bacteria who could not survive in the brine.

Although salt is still used for curing and in canning, it has more contemporary uses.

Abqaiq's salt is used in refrigeration and air conditioning (the brine freezes at a much lower temperature than water). It also plays a role in oil drilling. The slurry (as the heavy mixture of salt granules and water is called) is pumped down into the rig.

This use of salt in oil drilling perpetuates the historic intimacy between the two substances. Salt is all that now remains of those lakes long lost to man while oil is the only vestige of the bodies of thousands upon thousands of sea animals.

Salt is beautiful as well. The hard white crystals make handsome natural sculptures. With a pickaxe or even bare hands, (although it hurts and stings and reminds you of the truth of the proverb "rubbing salt in a wound"), it is easy to pry loose a chunk of the rock salt from the sides of a pit. As it dries, it hardens until it is as tough as brick. When spotted, it makes an unusual and attractive centerpiece on a table or buffet. As soon as it gets dusty, it's time to return to the salt pits to get another.

ANHA, the Arabian Natural History Association at Aramco, Dhahran, began in 1965.

Its initial objective, said McClelland, "was to make a collection of birds and animals, shells, rocks and other items of naturally historic interest. These are now stored in the Aramco school. The association aims to stimulate an interest in natural history, particularly, in Saudi Arabia."

To get to the salt pits and get a hunk of salt sculpture, take the Hafuf-Riyadh road out of Abqaiq. About 15 kilometers outside town, take a left turn at the power lines just before the Tradco Vulcan block-making factory.

Follow this road to the railroad tracks. Immediately on crossing them, turn right. The salt pits await you at the end of the road.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4748 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

Wife continues Army appeals after husband's death

Court-martialed, then imprisoned; officer always felt he would be cleared

By Sara Rimer

WASHINGTON (WP) — The U.S. Army was Ronald Alley's life, and even after they court-martialed him at Fort Meade for collaborating with the Chinese who held him prisoner during the Korean War, sentenced him to 10 years of hard labor and disgraced him with a dishonorable discharge, he still believed in the Army and thought it would someday do him justice.

He had, he declared again and again, committed no crime during his 33 months of captivity. He did three years and nine months at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and when he got out in 1959, went back home and found work as a Fuller brush man, Alley, the only Army officer in this century sent to prison for collaborating with the enemy, still had faith that the army would see its mistake, restore his honor and welcome him back into the ranks.

Twice he applied for a hearing before the Army Board for Correction of Military Records, and twice they turned him down. His congressman offered to help him try to get a presidential pardon, but Alley declined that offer, saying that a pardon would be an admission of guilt, and he had committed no crime.

Alley was a tall, husky, opinionated carpenter's son with a high school education, the oldest of eight children raised in Bar Harbor, Maine. To the people of that picturesque resort island, which he left so hopefully at age 17 when he enlisted in the Army and came back to in disgrace at age 36 after Leavenworth, he was known as a man with an obsession. He had no hobbies, just the Army. He was 55 when he died of a heart attack in 1978. The day he died he had been on his way to see the editor of the Bar Harbor Times, who wanted to hear the story of what had happened with Alley and the Army.

Alley's German-born widow, whom he had met and married in 1947 while he was a captain assigned to the military government in occupied Germany, did as he had wished: She buried him with his war medals, in the uniform she had bought to replace the one the Army took away when they sent him to Leavenworth, beneath a granite tombstone engraved with the American flag.

Erna Alley, who after her husband's court-martial supported their two small chil-

dren by picking apples, working as an Avon lady and operating Erna's German motel in Bar Harbor, has embraced the obsession. She seeks for her husband a posthumous honorable discharge, a posthumous promotion to the rank of colonel and a change in the military records to indicate that he was found not guilty of all charges 27 years ago, when the court-martial was convened.

"The military was his life; the sun rose and set over the military," Mrs. Alley, 60 said. "He was a proud, proud officer. He would have been a general." She never told her son and daughter the truth about why their father was gone, and she remembers what he said to them later, when he came home and they were old enough to understand.

"He told them, 'I want you to love your country. It is a great country. I love the Army. Some day justice will be done. Some day they

will recognize that a terrible mistake was made, that I was a good officer, that I wanted the best for my country.'"

Mrs. Alley is joined in her efforts by her lawyer, Gerald Williamson, and by Don Snyder, a former editor of the Bar Harbor Times.

Last fall, the Military Board that twice turned down her late husband's requests for a hearing finally granted Mrs. Alley a hearing. And she and her son and her lawyer and Don Snyder all traveled to Washington to testify before the five-man Army Board for Correction of Military Records, in an effort to convince them that Alley had been wrongly disgraced.

Three former Korean War POWs who spent close to three years in captivity and knew Alley from Camp Five — a bombed-out village in the mountains of North Korea, where more than 500 American men died —

also spoke. So strongly do two of them feel that Alley was wrongly accused and convicted that they traveled here at their own expense from their homes on the West Coast.

One of them, retired Lt. Col. Charles Peckham of King City, Calif., said, "he was so proud of his country, of his Army. I never met another man in my whole life whom the Army meant more to. I'll tell you this: I didn't know Ronald Alley had gone to Leavenworth. I was so sure that when it got to the review board it would be thrown out. And when I read in the Salinas (Calif.) newspaper, after Ronnie Alley had died, that he had gone to Leavenworth, I cried, because there was no way, no way. It was ridiculous."

Another former POW, retired Lt. Col. Robert Wise of Tacoma, Wash., who testified for Alley at the court-martial in 1955, termed his trip to Washington, D.C. "A moral obligation."

And he said, "if Ronald Alley was guilty, then I was guilty, too, and so was everyone else there. When I heard he was brought up for a court-martial, I could not believe it. There were much worse cases of conduct that were never brought before any board. The prosecutor made it plain to all of us that Alley must be found guilty for the good of the service. I have never in my career seen an injustice done in such a vicious manner."

The uniform code of military justice held then that telling the enemy anything more than name, rank, serial number and date of birth constituted collaboration. Alley, one of 14 Korean war ex-POWs court-martialed and convicted by the Army, was found guilty of charges that included leading pro-Communist peace parades and indoctrination sessions, writing a pro-Communist arti-

cle for distribution to the POWs, expressing opinions that the U.S. government was an imperialistic government waging an imperialistic war. And giving information to the enemy.

Alley's widow and Snyder do not claim that Alley did none of these things. But they say that all of the Korean War Army POWs held by the Chinese "collaborated" in some way in order to stay alive, and that Alley, an abrasive, blunt-spoken loner who was disliked by most of the other prisoners, was made a scapegoat for war poorly fought.

The hearing was held at the Pentagon, in an overheated, carpeted room with an American flag in one corner.

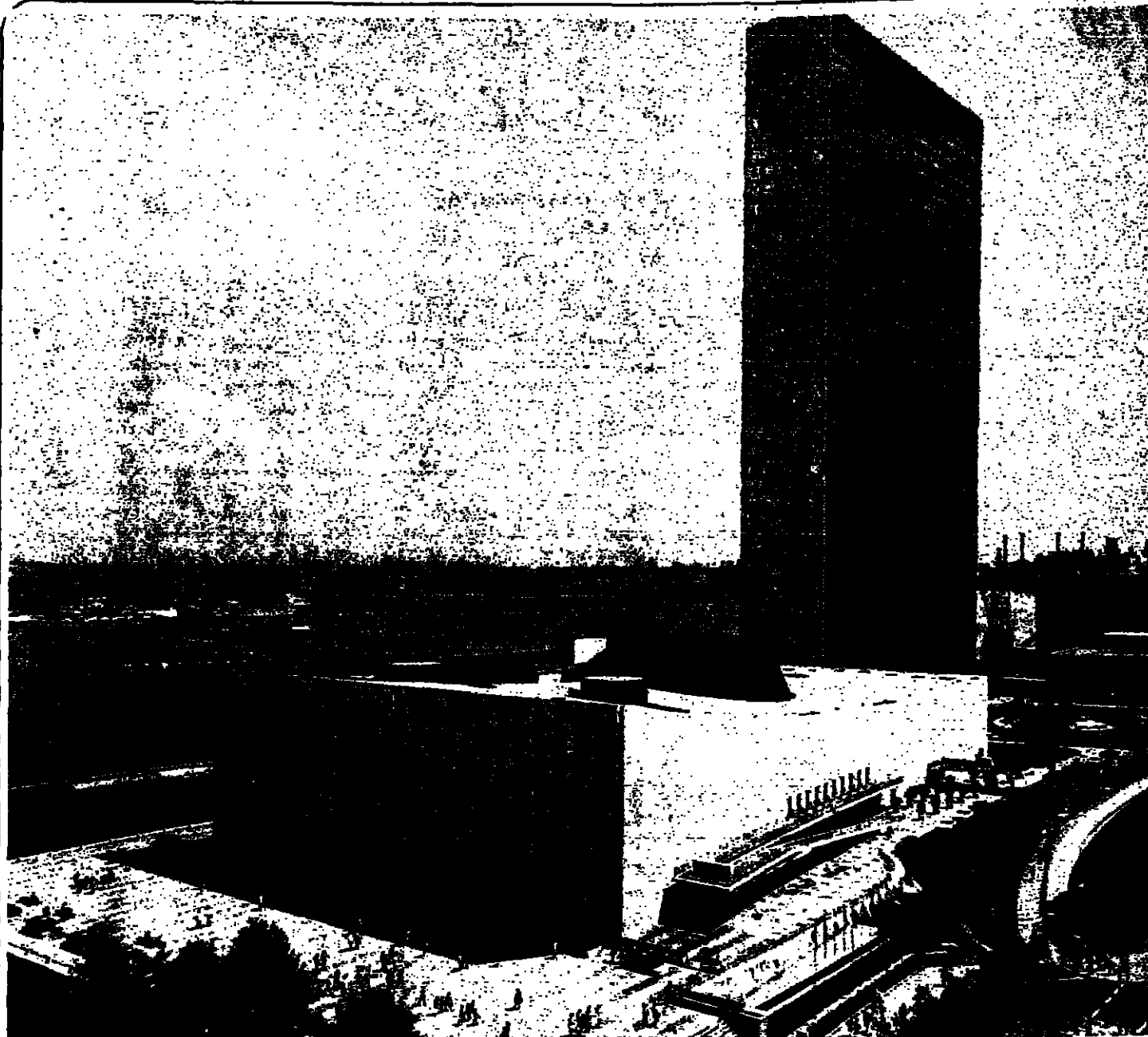
The five civilians who will rule sometime within the next month on Erna Alley's appeal listened impassively from their chairs behind a long wooden table. But the two dozen people in the audience seemed visibly moved and, like the soldiers who testified, some of them cried. It wasn't just the story of Ronald Alley they were hearing, it was also the story of the other prisoners of war, of what they had survived and how they had survived and how it had changed them.

"You can't train a man to be a POW," said Peckham, who has been in and out of hospitals ever since his captivity.

Wise, a gaunt, 62-year-old man with gray hair and sorrowful brown eyes, who wore his purple Heart on the lapel of his suit, said he was punished by the Chinese after he demanded better conditions for his fellow prisoners at camp five.

"There were over 1,200 men in camp that winter. Everybody was suspicious of everybody else. We went five months without baths, without shaves, without haircuts, without a change of clothes. You can imagine the animals we were. Tempers were high, everyone was looking for a scapegoat for the predicament we were in. There's got to be someone. You're so weak and befuddled you can't resist."

After all that, Wise said, "we came back, we're bums, we're disloyal." And though in his voice the bitterness was still strong, 30 years later, he said, "I'm Army all the way through. My father was, I was, I still am. If I were called back today, and if I were physically able, I'd be willing to go."



DEN OF INEQUITY? Pro-Israeli politicians, upset with U.N. decisions about the Israeli takeover of the Syrian Golan Heights have suggested that the United Nations should move. They charge that the U.N. costs taxpayers too much money but ignore the fact that U.S. support for Israel costs much more.

Jewish capital of the U.S.

Anti-Israel U.N. resolutions irk New York into suggesting its move

By O.C. Doelling

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — It is reported to be on the rocks, but a close friend insists that "this marriage is forever." Gillian Martin Sorensen, playing her appointed role as marriage counselor, was speaking of the sometimes uneasy, 37-year union between New York and the United Nations.

Mrs. Sorensen, who is New York City's Commissioner for the United Nations and for consular corps, termed it a "love-hate" relationship.

The New York Post newspaper published recently the results of a poll of its readers, who called special telephone numbers to record their votes. They voted 38,280 to 15,860 that the U.N. should get out of New York.

The poll — one of a series indicating growing American disenchantment with the 157-nation world body — was the latest phase in a spat that began with an anti-Israel vote in the U.N. General Assembly and blew up when Mayor Edward I. Koch, who is Jewish, called the United Nations a "cesspool" and "den of inequity."

Koch suggested that the "swords into plowshares" inscription on a city-owned wall across from U.N. headquarters be supplemented to include the words "hypocrisy, immorality and cowardice." The General

Assembly, in a resolution adopted 86-21 on Feb. 5, said that Israel was "not a peace-loving member state" because of its annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights.

Koch said he would not go through with his threat to add a new biblical inscription on the "Isiah Wall." The existing quotation already served "as a fitting rebuke" to the actions of the General Assembly, he told reporters at City Hall.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar did, however, postpone a luncheon date with Koch to give tempers time to cool.

Mrs. Sorensen attributes a large share of the anti-U.N. sentiments in the city to political factors, including the anti-American, anti-Israeli tone of many U.N. debates. Some Americans perceive the 39-story glass house on the east river as ineffective. Others see it as what the New York Post called a "convenient base for espionage" for the large Soviet bloc delegations.

The chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, who is also Jewish, said in a recent speech in Washington that the United Nations was "a very dismal show," in which conflicts are aggravated rather than resolved.

On the other hand, she and Koch praise the United Nations in the non-political fields, such as aid to refugees and the World

Health Organization's worldwide fight against disease.

A Roper organization poll last year indicated only 10 percent of Americans felt the United Nations was "highly effective" in promoting peace.

American resentment is heightened by the realization that the United States is paying the largest share of the U.N. budget — 25 percent of this year's total of \$753 million. Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mayor Koch favor reducing the American share.

Mrs. Sorensen says the United Nations is an economic boon and not a drain, as many New Yorkers seem to think.

"In the long run and through the ups and downs of the relationship, I think the city has been made stronger...it has added to our reputations as the headquarters of the world. It has added to our diversity and our vitality. And it has added enormously to our economy."

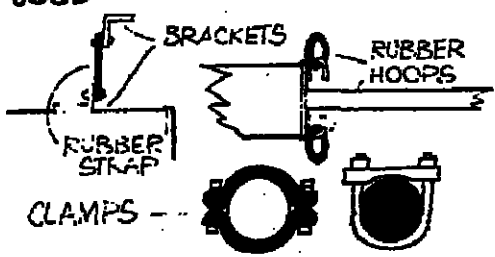
The city has the largest diplomatic community in the world — 40,000 people, 157 U.N. missions and 93 consulates. According to a recent report by Mrs. Sorensen's commission, the U.N. and diplomatic communities bring the city nearly \$700 million a year in economic benefits while costing the city \$15 million for police protection and in lost tax revenue.

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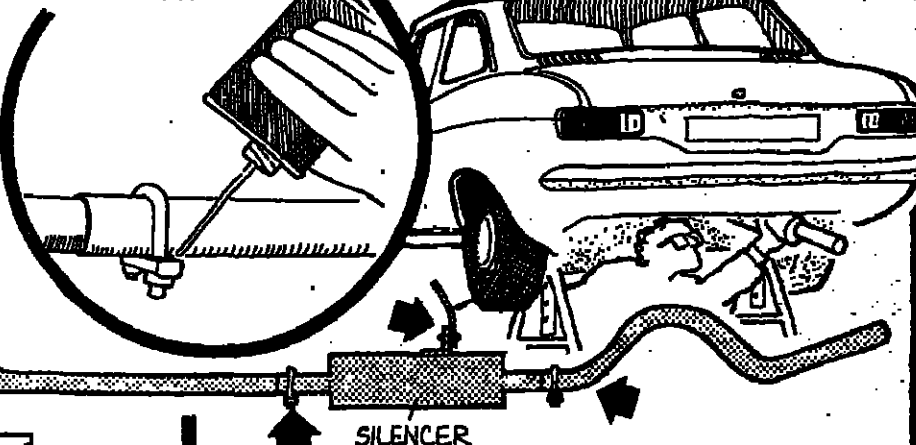
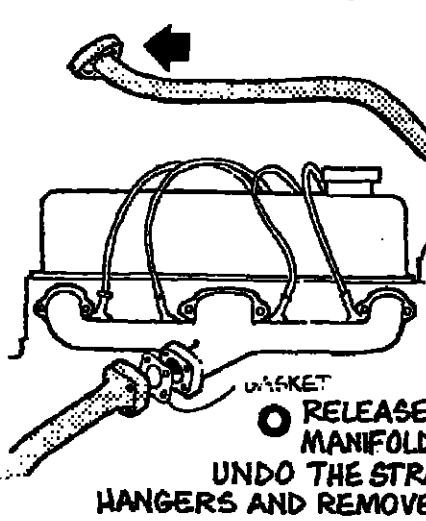
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RELEASE THE MANIFOLD CONNECTION, UNDO THE STRAPS AND HANGERS AND REMOVE THE SYSTEM

Modern eating habits criticized

High fiber diets help avoid chronic diseases

By Dr. Vishwa Prakash

ALIGARH (PTI) — Dietary fiber, which enjoyed popularity and scientific attention about 40 years ago, is once again in vogue. It is now being thought that fiber supplements are helpful in maintaining good health, while the trend these days is to take a diet devoid of fiber and refuge.

Fiber is the ingested vegetable matter which resists digestion in the stomach and the small bowel. Its chief components—cellulose, pectins, gums, alginates and lignins—are chemically diverse, though all except the lignins are polysaccharides. Their physical properties and chemical interactions in the gut differ from each other in several aspects. Pectins, for example, lower serum-cholesterol levels, but brans do not. The effects depend upon the physical state, particle size, their interactions with other fibers, enteric bacteria and bile acids.

During the past 500 years, peoples in many developed countries have been progressively deprived of many of these varieties of vegetable fiber, as their consumption of sucrose and refined cereal grains has increased. India

The modern trend of eating refined food which is free of fiber is responsible for a host of diseases. It is time to take another look at grandma's menu.

is also following the same trend of fiberless diet. The prevalence of colonic cancer, diverticulosis coli (pouches in colon) gall stones, diabetes and atherosclerosis (deposition of fat on the inner lining of blood vessels) in the developed world is high as compared to under-developed and developing countries. Also, the incidence of all these diseases is increasing in developing countries including India. All these findings forced scientists to find out the effect of dietary fiber on human health.

Cancer of the colon (large intestine) is common in persons taking diet with a low fiber content, according to a recent finding published in *The American Journal of Medicine (AJM)*. In the report, 80 patients with cancer of the colon were studied. It was found that all of them were taking low fiber diet.

Colon is the important ecologic niche for ingested fiber; a milieu which has often seemed about as complex and as impenetrable as the Amazonian jungle. However, fiber in the

diet increases the size and wetness of stools by imbibing water to form a gel and by the osmotic effect of organic anions—most acetate, propionate and butyrate produce by bacterial digestion of its polysaccharides. These effects may be overbalanced by other factors which favor retention of feces, but in a constipated person the result is reduced transit time through the colon and greater ease and frequency of defecation. Presumably, this reduces the strength needed to empty the bowel. Reports published in the British journal *Lancet* have credited to a higher fiber intake the reported lower frequency of haemorrhoids, inguinal hernia, hiatus hernia and leg varicosities in developing countries.

In an unpublished study by the author, inguinal hernia was found to be related to constipation. He studied 73 patients for a year and found that 49 cases complained of severe constipation which can be very well related to a decrease fiber intake as a whole. In the remaining cases, hernia was due to other ob-

vious causes.

Larger fecal mass is also being considered to be the principal factor accounting for 50 times lower prevalence of diverticular disease of the colon (pouches in large intestine) in developing countries as compared with Westernized nations, according to *AJM*. In an experimental study, it was found that persons on high fiber had less intraluminal pressure, whereas those on fiberless diet had higher pressure which is undoubtedly responsible for the disease.

Fibers also slow the progression of atherosclerosis—a disease responsible for heart attack and strokes—says a report. The fibers in diet bind both the conjugated and unconjugated bile acids and protect bile acids from bacterial degradation. Thus, binding increases the fecal output of bile acids, diminishes their enterohepatic circulation and its negative feedback effect on hepatic synthesis of bile acid from cholesterol, and lowers the serum cholesterol, level by which it slows progression of deposition of fat or cholesterol on vessels.

The increased incidence of gall stones is also related to decreased fiber intake: The primary bile acid, cholic acid, is absorbed to lignin and thus protected from bacterial transformation to deoxycholate. Or else, the enterohepatic circulation of latter molecule is inhibited as far as recycling is concerned making bile less lithogenic.

This definitely explains the higher incidence of cholesterol stones in persons taking reduced fiber diet which makes bile more lithogenic (bile with more cholesterol) providing cholesterol to form stones. Reports have also been published denoting low prevalence of cholesterol—rich stones among people subsisting on high fiber diet (rural Japanese, most rural Africans), according to *AJM*.

Recent studies at the Diabetes Research Laboratories of the Oxford University have shown that high carbohydrate, high fiber diets give better overall control to both non-insulin dependent and insulin-dependent diabetes than does the standard low carbohydrate diet used routinely in the treatment of diabetics.

Despite gaps in our knowledge, the weight of evidence would support the notion that an artificial depletion of fiber has, especially over the last century, contributed to the causation of several of our most common and important chronic diseases. In the context of perhaps 4 million years of human evolution, this cultural and technical change might have progressed too rapidly for efficient adaptive mechanisms to develop.

It would follow that a return to earlier dietary patterns, in which sugars and starches were ingested largely with their native plant cells, may help restore the prevalence of these new common diseases to the levels obtained a century ago.

By Peter J.

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SHOULDER STRAP NUMBNESS



Dear Dr. Steincrow: Lately I've noticed a numbness along the inner sides of my forearms and in my fourth and fifth fingers. It's worse during school days.

It lets up on weekends, except when I go cycling for long distances. I have a friend in school who has similar symptoms. Is this a common complaint? What can be done for it? —Mr. G.

Dear Mr. G.: I'll play medical detective seeking clues. Do you and your friend happen to wear tight shoulder straps to carry your books to school and around campus? Many students do.

If so, the mystery is solved. The pressure of the tight shoulder straps under the arms on the nerves in the brachial plexus may be the culprit.

The pressure is also aggravated by the bent-over posture while riding a bike for long distances. Remove these abnormal pressures on your arm-nerves and the numbness will eventually disappear.

You don't use backpacks? Your doctor will have to look elsewhere for the cause of the numbness. Carpal tunnel syndrome? Pressure on nerves in the neck?

MEDICALLETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. Q.: Scoliosis screening by parents and school nurses is essential. Such abnormal curvature is too often overlooked in its early stages.

The condition usually begins in adolescent girls. It's often not detected until the curve is marked. The early use of special braces negates the need for surgery and spinal fusion.

Dear Dr. Steincrow: Our 2-year-old has developed a bad infection in his gums. His pediatrician says it may be due to the fact that I've had him on the bottle too long. I admit that I've given him the bottle quite often to prevent his crying. Could this be a factor? —Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: The JAMA reports a condition that may explain your child's problem. It is called the nursing bottle caries syndrome. It results from prolonged bottle feeding of sweetened milk—usually offered as a pacifier (as in your son's case, Mrs. F.). In one reported instance there was a marked decay in primary dentition of a boy who had a history of having been bottle-fed during naptime and nighttime until age 4.

For Mrs. T.: The reason you have not heard of Kawasaki Disease is because it is relatively rare. Since 1977 only about 700 cases have been reported in the United States.

It was first recognized by a Japanese physician, Tomisaku Kawasaki in 1961 and more fully described in 1967. Many cases are unrecognized.

Symptoms include high fever, red eyes and tongue, skin rash and enlarged glands in the neck. Skin peels from fingers and toes.

The cause of the disease is unknown. It doesn't appear to be contagious. In some patients there are complications such as arthritis and heart disease.

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1,000 kilos dragged in draft horse races

By Arjuna

HOKKAIDO, Japan (DN) — 'Bamba, Bamba' is not an Latin dance entry, 'La Bamba.' Rather this is a horse race in Japan which puts premium on strength and not speed. It is the unique *bannel keba* which means "draft pulling horse races." Or *bamba* for short.

The race is very popular in winter resort island of Hokkaido. It was here during the Meiji Restoration of 1868 that hundreds of plough horses were imported from Europe to be used in the island's farms.

Wanting to engage in horseplay, the fun-loving residents invented the *kasabama* or grass *bamba*. This has become a popular feature in rural festivals but did not reach commercial proportions until after World War II.

Town officials, desperate for money to rebuild Japan, thought of making the *bamba* a spectator sport. Earnings from the *bamba* have helped to build schools and hospitals for the Japanese.

The *bamba* is the only horse race in the world which is designed for draught horses.

The massive animals — Percherons, Belgians and Bretons — drag weighted sledges and their jockeys over a 200-meter course. The horses have to drag as much as 1,000 kilos on a course which includes two ramps.

The races do not last long, at most five minutes. This has given the *bamba* the dubious distinction of being the shortest horse race in the world.

Ten horses normally participate in the race, galloping down the course. They easily overcome the first ramp but as the loads drag them, they drop into a steady plodding. But before reaching the second ramp, all the horses stop — an act which has baffled many spectators. But *bamba* rules dictate horses must take a breather before the second ramp. The reason is very practical: horses will not be able to overcome the second ramp without resting a bit.

And this is where the race really starts. As the cheering crowds egg the plodding horses on, the animals lunge forward and plod toward the finish line, often in a neck-to-neck finish.

Well-known bankrupt leads a 'Rolls Royce existence'

By Michael West

LONDON (AP) — William Stern is listed in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's biggest bankrupt. The Hungarian-born American owes creditors 118 million pounds (\$214 million) and has been bankrupt since May 1978.

But as Lord Justice Frederick Lawton noted at a London appeal court hearing last month, "since being adjudicated bankrupt, Mr. Stern's lifestyle does not seem to have changed much."

Stern, 46, lives with his wife Shoshana in a \$1.85-million mansion in north London's well-heeled Golders Green. They live rent-free because the mansion is owned by a Stern family trust in America, the court heard.

Inside is a collection of pictures worth an estimated 30,000 pounds (\$54,600) and furniture worth 50,000 pounds (\$91,000).

Stern, a father of six, estimated his household expenses last year at around 23,400 pounds (\$42,580) including 4,000 pounds (\$7,280) for utilities. He drives a luxury car.

The former head of real estate empire that went bankrupt, he now works as a property consultant, which he estimates earned him 22,000 pounds (\$40,040) in 1980, with an additional 12,000 pounds (\$21,840) income from a family trust.

Stern's creditors — not to mention 56 million heavily taxed, recession-hit Britons — would love to know exactly how he manages to maintain what another judge, Lord Justice Sydney Templeman, called a "Rolls-Royce existence."

They may soon get the chance. The appeal court ruled that Stern's application to be discharged from bankruptcy was "impudent."

The judges scorned his offer to pay creditors just 55,000 pounds (\$100,000) over the next three years.

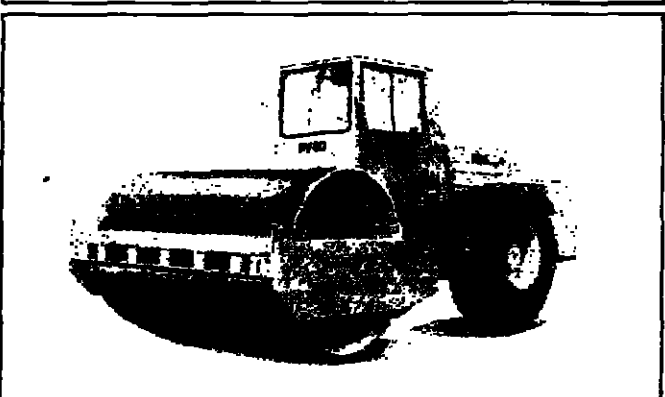
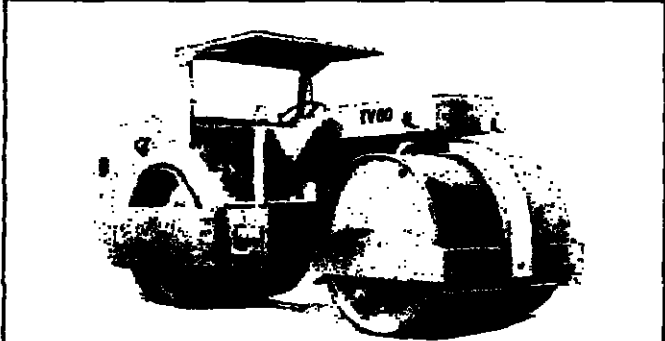
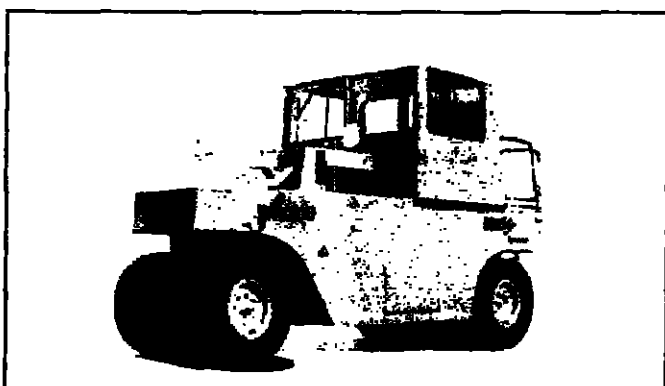
They overturned a lower court ruling that prohibited creditors from questioning Stern in court about his lifestyle.

They said his application for discharge should be heard again by a high court judge at a future, unspecified hearing.

Bankrupts in Britain are barred from obtaining credit or forming new companies until their bankruptcy is discharged by a court, and they have to account for their income and expenditure.

Court statements showed Stern's main creditors to be bankers Keyser Ullmann, whom he owed 20.5 million pounds (\$37.3 million), the British government's Crown Agents which were owed 38.6 million pounds (\$70.2 million), and First National Bank of Chicago, 676,000 pounds (\$1.2 million).

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To avert civil unrest

Nkomo men to stay in Mugabe cabinet

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Joshua Nkomo's Patriotic Front (PF), in a move designed to ease the country's worst political crisis since independence, decided this weekend to remain in the Zimbabwe government despite his dismissal.

But the minority party warned at the same time that Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and his ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) would risk civil unrest if they pushed the PF and its supporters in southwest and central Zimbabwe any farther.

After his 152-member central committee decided Saturday night that the PF's one remaining minister and two deputy ministers should not resign their posts, Nkomo told reporters here Sunday that he had urged such a stand in the interest of unity between his mainly Ndebele-speaking followers and the majority Shona people, most of whom support Mugabe.

"It is important that we do not get these young people (his and Mugabe's former guerrillas) fighting each other," Nkomo said. But he cautioned Mugabe, who has accused him of plotting against the state, that "if irresponsible statements and actions continue, the country could disintegrate. Our organs of government are fragile. If we (PF) pull out it will be chaos."

The prime minister, who fired Nkomo and three followers from the government on Feb. 17 on allegations of stockpiling arms for a coup attempt, was quoted in the local press as saying Saturday that Nkomo would stand trial for his actions and would go to jail if convicted. Asked Sunday about the possibility he would be arrested, Nkomo said, "I leave that up to Mugabe."

The current crisis began in Mid-January when, after months of insistence by Mugabe that a one-party state based on a merger of ZANU and PF would be ideal for Zimbabwe, Nkomo gave the prime minister the coldest of

shoulders.

Three weeks later, Mugabe's Security Minister Emmerson Mnangagwa began announcing a series of discoveries of arms — surface-to-air missiles, mortars, thousands of rifles, military vehicles and other gear — hidden on properties controlled by PF companies. The government seized 11 of the companies on Feb. 16 and the following day, Mugabe sacked Nkomo from the national unity government the old rivals had formed at independence in April 1980.

The PF was junior partner in the coalition, having 20 seats in the 100-member parliament to ZANU's 57. Nkomo said Sunday that as far as he was concerned, the coalition was dead and what existed now in the 28-member cabinet — where PF influence will be very slight — was a "working arrangement."

"It is a coalition when the leaders are present," the PF president said. "When there are no leaders present, it is a working arrangement. That is what we have now." Nkomo said the PF would be in opposition in parliament and would be "more free to speak out on all issues. We were speaking before as part of government under the constraints of collective responsibility, which does not exist now."

While the PF leader said he had spoken for "maintaining a presence" in government, it was clear his central committee had not been unanimous on the desirability of this. Sources said everyone present at the 10-hour meeting had been allowed to speak, and one member known as a radical said afterward that he could not understand how the body could take such a decision.

Party sources had said prior to the meeting that some hard-liners were pleased about Nkomo's dismissal from the cabinet, believing it would allow PF to depart the government entirely and oppose Mugabe in earnest.

Chinese see bid to weaken ASEAN unity

PEKING, Feb. 28 (AFP) — China has accused the Soviet Union and Vietnam of attempting to "weaken the unity" of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with their proposals of talks on the regional situation, notably Cambodia.

The weekly Peking Review insinuated following a recently concluded conference in Vientiane of the foreign ministers of the three Communist nations of Southeast Asia, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, that this was the underlying aim of an offer of "contacts" with Thailand, leading to a possible reduction of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) Sunday combined the warning to ASEAN, which groups Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines alongside Thailand, with a dismissal of new Vietnamese overtures to China as failing "to show Hanoi's sincerity for peace."

China actively supports the ousted Khmer Rouge regime, and is promoting plans for an anti-Vietnamese coalition linking the Khmer Rouge and the two Cambodian anti-Communist movements, led by former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his onetime Premier Son Sann.

Rejecting once again two Hanoi offers this year of a resumption of Sino-Vietnamese talks, NCNA charged Vietnam with making "slandorous accusations" against China and Thailand. The agency said that Vietnam had attempted to make the elimination of the "Chinese threat" a condition of its withdrawal from Cambodia, and that Hanoi harped on the theme of Thai invasions of Indochina throughout history.

NCNA said that the latest Vietnamese proposals were an attempt to "win the sympathy of the world public," and to "induce some countries to enter into contacts with it, and the Phnom Penh regime under its wing, in a move to extricate itself from isolation in the international community."

Set to push reforms

Botha puts down revolt

PRETORIA, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Prime Minister P.W. Botha won a striking political victory this weekend, beating a challenge within the ruling white minority National Party from State Administration Minister Andries Treurnicht. With this victory for the more moderate "verligte" wing of the party over the ultra-conservative "Verkrampptes", Botha can draw strength for his relatively liberal policies opposed by Treurnicht.

Treurnicht had convened the 230 delegates of the executive of the party's Transvaal Federation, of which he is secretary-general, for an emergency meeting. The Transvaal Federation is the most powerful within the National Party that has ruled South Africa since 1948.

But when it came to a vote, only 36 members backed the administration minister's "rebel" line against Botha, who specially attended the meeting although he is not a member of the Transvaal party. The prime minister is secretary-general of the National Party's Cape Federation. The crisis meeting

followed the refusal last Wednesday of Treurnicht and 21 other legislators to give Botha a vote of confidence.

The crisis brought open confrontation which would have had major repercussions on South Africa's future. Treurnicht suffered a major personal defeat in being disavowed by his own federation which he wanted to draw into his opposition to Botha. The executive also suspended him from his ministerial and provincial party leader posts. Also suspended were the education and training minister (for blacks), Ferdi Hartzenberg, and two other rebellious legislators.

The rebels have in principle until Wednesday to declare their allegiance to the party and get back into line. If they do not, their temporary suspension will become definite. If Treurnicht and his followers refuse, they would have to leave the party, possibly to form a parliamentary opposition in what would be a second big split in the National Party.

In 1969, some 15 members left under the leadership of Albert Hertzog, son of Gen. Hertzog, prime minister from 1924 to 1939 and a political opponent of Botha and Gen. Smuts. Out of this split grew the extreme right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party currently directed by Jaap Marais. The Herstigte Party made impressive scores in general elections last April, although it could not get a single assembly seat.

Some observers believe that a victory by Treurnicht at Saturday's crisis meeting would have had such far-reaching repercussions in the National Party as to have necessitated new general elections.

With this victory, and the support of the Transvaal Federation, which nevertheless includes the "true blue, hard line" Afrikaansers, Botha should now be able to push his reform-tinged policies through more easily. These are aimed in particular at drawing into ruling political circles South Africa's mixed race and Indian ethnic groups, without however involving the country's majority group, the blacks, who number some 20 million.

Haig says Salvador is not Vietnam

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Saturday that Americans will back the U.S. effort to support the Salvadoran government if there is a commitment to win. "Salvador is not Vietnam," Haig told a group of staunch conservatives while the State Department briefed reporters on its proposal to give the Central American country millions of dollars as security assistance next year.

"The American people are not unwilling to support a sound effort to do whatever is right, provided they believe we mean business and we are going to succeed," he told the Conservative Political Action Conference. Haig complained of a "massive onslaught" in the news media in recent weeks to draw parallels between U.S. support for the Salvadoran government in its war against guerrillas and the U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

Meanwhile, a senior State Department official said the administration is seeking another \$1.67 billion in security assistance for friendly countries, bringing the total for fiscal 1983 to \$8.7 billion. Under the proposal, El Salvador would receive \$45 million more than it received for the current fiscal year. The administration already has proposed increasing the 1982 aid by another \$135 million.

The official said the aid increases are justified on grounds that "several areas of critical importance to the United States have gotten more dangerous."

Earlier, Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the conference that the Reagan administration should abandon its support for El Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte because he is a leftist. He said the U.S. government had made Duarte "the only game in town."

Peking revises constitution draft

PEKING, Feb. 28 (AFP) — A revised draft of the Chinese constitution is ready, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Sunday. The agency gave no details of the draft and it made no mention of the thorny question of whether the post of president, eliminated during the Cultural Revolution, would be reestablished.

Observers generally believed this question had caused delays in revising the 1978 constitution. A report had been expected at the plenary session of the National People's Congress (NPC) at the end of 1981.

The agency said that the committee for revision of the constitution met Saturday in Peking to hear a commentary of the "preliminary" draft by its general secretary, Hu Qiaomu, a leading party theoretician and one of the those closest to the Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. Set up in 1980 under the chairmanship of Peng Zhen, a Politburo member and a vice chairman of the NPC, the committee was to have submitted a draft to the last NPC plenary session.

However, the procedure was prolonged — officially because the magnitude of the task was too great to allow the committee finish in time. But observers saw this as an indication of disagreement on basic points, including the idea of restoring the position of chief of state. China's last president was Liu Shaoqi, whom chairman Mao Tse-tung purged in 1968. The job was officially abolished in 1975.

Since then, the protocol duties incumbent on a chief of state have been assigned to Marshal Ye Jianying, the NPC chairman, an 83-year-old man in poor health who has been relatively inactive despite continuing influence due to his friendship with the late Mao.

Many observers have predicted that a restored presidency would go to Deng, the 77-year-old party vice chairman. But Deng, who has dominated public life since the end of the Cultural Revolution during which Mao purged him twice from the government, said last year that he had personal reasons for not wanting to become president. He acknowledged, however, that a number of people believed he should get the job.

After meeting Deng in September, a Japanese dignitary, Yoshikatsu Takeiri, quoted the vice chairman as saying that restoring the presidency posed unspecified problems.

Following the delay in revising the constitution, it was decided that the NPC standing committee would, during the course of the year, make public a "preliminary" draft which would be discussed by the "various nationalities across China" before being taken before an NPC plenary session with possible amendments.

The NPC standing committee is currently in session in Peking, and it is therefore possible that the "preliminary" draft will be published in the next few days.

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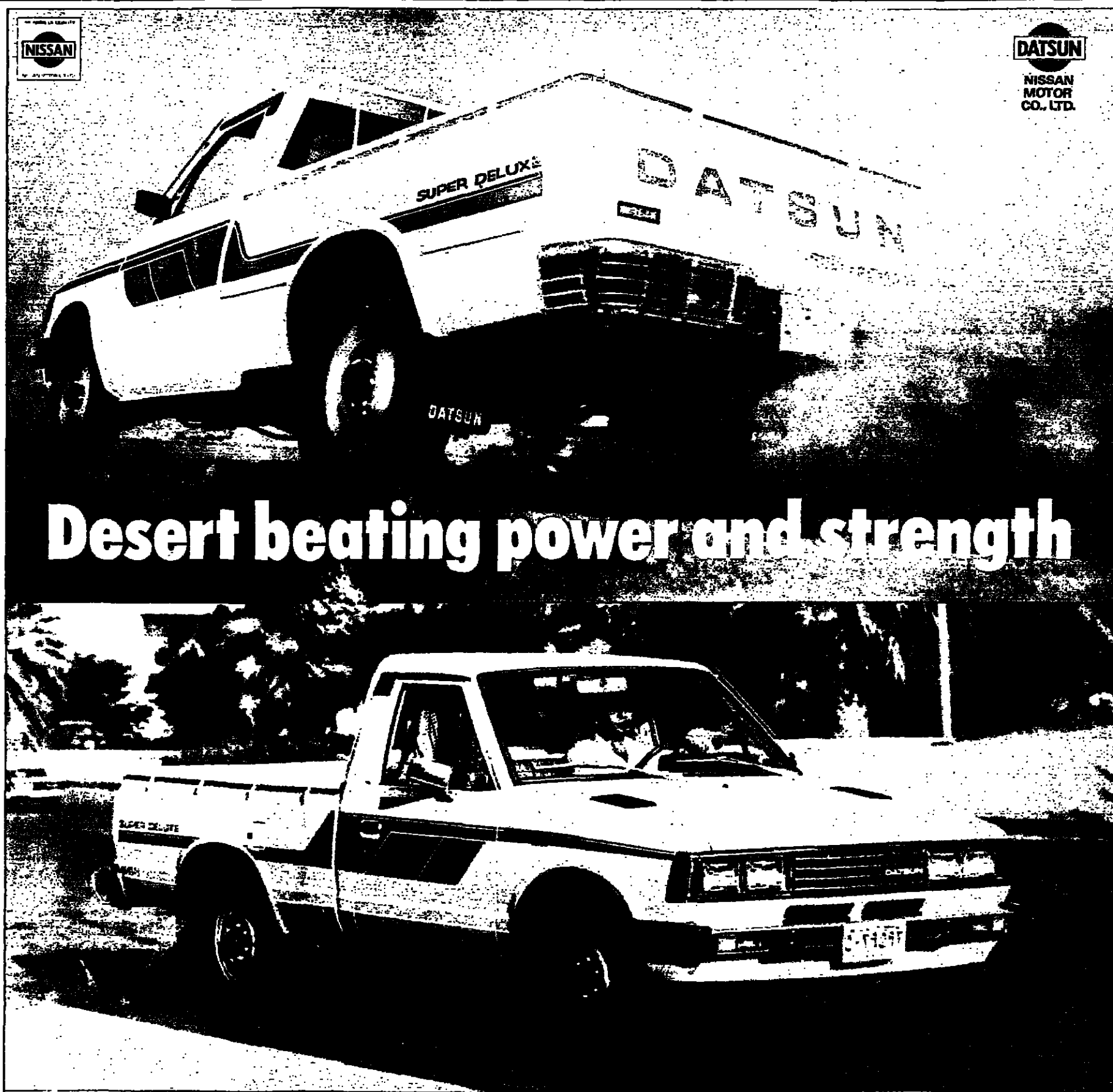
LAHORE, Pakistan, (AFP) — Prince Philip, husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, left here Sunday for New Delhi.

TOKYO, (AFP) — North Korea and the Pacific Island state of Nauru have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, the North Korean Central News Agency monitored here said Sunday. Nauru, just south of the equator, became an independent republic with a special relationship with the Commonwealth in 1968.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Violent clashes occurred here Saturday between police and demonstrators protesting against U.S. inter-

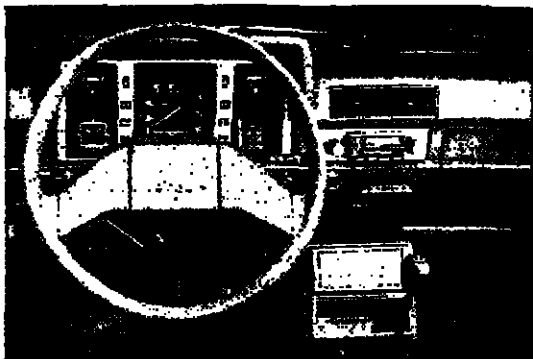
vention in Central America. While several thousands of demonstrators listened to anti-U.S. intervention speeches, mounted police fired warning shots at several hundred protesters trying to charge through the U.S. consulate gates. Dutch anti-riot police also had to be called in after the demonstrators stoned the consulate building during some 20 minutes.

KATHMANDU, (AP) — After praising Nepalese Gurkha soldiers and anglo-Nepalese relations, the British chief of staff, Sir Edwin Bramall, left here Sunday for New Delhi, completing his five-day official visit to this Himalayan kingdom.



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France, Italy vow to forge close ties

ROME, Feb. 28 (R) — Italy and France, encouraged by President Francois Mitterrand's successful two-day visit here, have said groups of ministers in both governments will meet once or twice a year.

Seven French ministers met Italian ministers in the first such meeting on Friday for talks which deepened mutual understanding on major issues and led to an agreement to act with West Germany to counter high U.S. interest rates.

Mitterrand said: "One can now talk of an Italo-Franco-German front." But concrete plans have still to be decided.

He and President Sandro Pertini stressed ties of history, culture and politics on a visit clearly aimed at improving relations in areas beyond narrow political considerations.

Both countries will try in the coming weeks to coordinate policy on Mediterranean farm produce.

Political commentators said the visit was likely to be seen as a political feather in the cap of Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, leader of the potentially volatile five-party coalition which is Italy's 41st government since 1945.

The two governments came close over El Salvador, but the Italians were unwilling to join the French in confronting the United States on the issue.

U.S. steel imports show marked rise

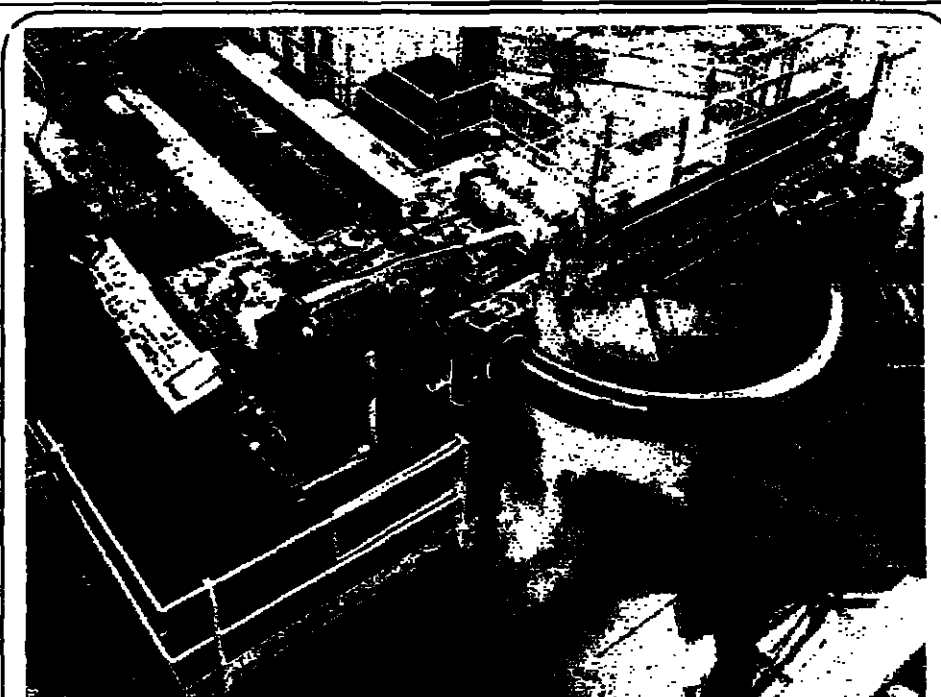
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Steel imports into the United States totaled 1.97 million tons in January, an increase of 53.6 percent over January 1981, the American Iron and Steel Institute has reported.

The institute's president William Delancey said that the marked increase ran counter to the normal seasonal trend, and represented new pressure on the U.S. market by subsidized steel being dumped in America.

Canada may invest \$410m in Airbus

MONTREAL, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Canada might invest 500 million Canadian dollars (\$410 million) in the France-based European Airbus Industrie Consortium for construction of the third generation of Airbus A-320 airliners, Minister of State for External Relations Pierre de Bane has said here.

He told the *La Presse Daily* that the matter was being studied, and it was still necessary to establish whether Canada "has the means to be a partner of France and possibly of other



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Bid to plug tax loopholes

Flight of capital jolts Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AP-DJ) — Closing a tax loophole sends money scurrying elsewhere.

Japan's learning that lesson with a jolt. Responding to a move to close one of the country's foremost means of tax evasion, Japanese investors in droves are shifting funds to other tax shelters, loopholes and hiding places.

The surge in Japanese buying of zero-coupon bonds and other financial instruments probably will moderate after that, the impact of the shift in funds, and in investors' attention will continue long afterwards.

The shift is affecting virtually all sectors of the financial community: from the banks — which are losing the funds — to the stock, gold and foreign bond markets — which are benefiting from increased buying. Banks are trying to limit the damage, while the others seek to maximize their gains.

The "green card" is aimed at preventing Japanese investors from taking illegal advantage of certain tax-free bank savings accounts. A Japanese investor is allowed to invest up to 3 million yen tax-free in each of three designated accounts: a special term account, a similar account based on Japanese government bonds and an account with the governmental postal savings system.

By opening more than three such accounts, using different banks and different names, an investor could avoid taxes on an unlimited amount of savings, so long as each account was kept under 3 million yen.

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time, though perhaps at a reduced pace.

Most of shift in funds will be completed by January 1984, when the "green card" system of monitoring bank deposits goes into effect. Thus Tokyo's chance to overtake Hong Kong as Asia's premier source of "hot" money will be short-lived.

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Asia-Pacific region intensifies oil hunt

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28 (R) — The Asia-Pacific region is expected to see an upsurge in the exploration and development of oil and other energy resources in the 1980s.

This was the general view of delegates representing 700 companies from 19 countries at an international energy conference in Singapore this month. Exploration has found oil, gas, coal and geothermal energy resources, and capital expenditure is expected to more than double in the next 10 years, the conference was told.

The optimistic outlook of the exploration industry is based on the assumption that the price of oil will be maintained at its current levels through 1985 despite competition among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

John Emerson, vice-president and senior energy economist of Chase Manhattan Bank, estimated the total capital expenditure by non-Communist countries would increase from \$88 billion in 1980 to \$190 billion in 1990, based on the 1980 purchasing power of the dollar. The Asia-Pacific region is expected to share nearly half of this expenditure.

Even countries such as North Korea, Burma and Bangladesh, which once shied away from foreign involvement in the development of their energy resources, have had a change of heart. China has also entered the international oil scene although most of its vast potential oil resources remain unexplored.

Emerson said China's untapped oil resources could possibly equal those of Saudi

Arabia, the largest oil exporter in the world. China's oil reserves are estimated at about 39 billion barrels on shore and a similar amount offshore, he added.

Another significant factor for the upswing in exploration activities, according to energy experts at the conference, is the apparent willingness of prospecting companies to take greater risks by moving into less well known areas.

While the international energy scene had been largely controlled by major oil companies in the past six decades, a host of exploration firms have emerged throughout the region in the last few years.

"It is a healthy trend which creates competition and promotes rapid exploration of areas that might otherwise languish for lack of exploration investment," said U.S. energy expert G.L. Fletcher.

Delegates at the conference said that a surprise entry into the ranks of explorers was North Korea, although it had yet to open its doors fully to the Western world. In Naftaplin, the Yugoslav national company, recently completed a seismic survey in Korea Bay and a well might be drilled there this year, they said.

Burma also appeared to be softening its approach to foreign exploration companies releasing certain areas formerly reserved for its national oil company, Myanma, they said. The Japanese company Japex is active along the Burmese west coast in the Arakan Islands. Myanma has also bought a number of new American drilling rigs, increasing its own capacity to explore offshore areas.

Bonn industry makes headway

FRANKFURT, Feb. 28 (AP) — Order inflow to the West German machine making industry in 1981 rose 4 percent from 1980 with the sole impulse coming from foreign demand, according to the West German Machine Industry Association (VDMA).

VDMA noted, however, that overall production for the industry dropped around 2 percent from 1980. Together with higher costs, lower output pressured the industry's 1981 profit margin, or earnings as a percentage of total sales, to somewhere below — the 1.5 percent figure recorded in 1980.

A spokesman for the association said overall turnover for the industry in 1981 stood at a preliminary 125 billion Deutsche marks, up 3.3 percent from near 121 billion marks in 1980.

The association, which didn't give specific production or order inflow figures, said orders from abroad rose 17 percent in 1981 from 1980, while domestic demand slipped 9 percent from year-earlier levels.

The association said the bulk of the rise in foreign demand was traceable to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Singapore mulls secret accounts

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28 (WP) — Intent on consolidating its reputation as the "Switzerland of the East", Singapore is considering measures allowing banks to offer their customers secret, numbered accounts.

According to Western diplomats and banking sources, the government is expected to announce the measures in a budget message at the end of this month or in early March. The annual budget message sets out the government's economic policy for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

For the past several months, government planners have been studying proposals to allow numbered accounts, and foreign banking experts have been approached about how the accounts operate, the sources said. However, the government will not confirm whether the secret accounts will indeed be introduced, saying the issue has yet to be decided formally.

While such a measure might attract more money to Singapore's already well-developed and highly secretive offshore banking system, diplomats said, it risks offending this tiny city-state's neighbors, notably Indonesia. In addition, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service is known to be unhappy about the prospect of even more banking secrecy here,

India has offered onshore areas to foreign companies, and final awards are expected this year. West German, Mexican and American companies will be among others bidding for the awards, delegates said.

Bangladesh is opening up to onshore exploration and development. Japex has finalized an agreement for drilling operations at Bakhrabad gas field, while Shell has secured an exploration license in the Chittagong hills. Both were previously off-limits to foreign companies, the delegates added.

In southeast Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei are expected to continue it as the focal points for exploration and development investments in the coming years. The delegates said the Gulf of Thailand and the Indochina region could see an increase in the search for energy resources through the 1980s.

Exploration activity in Taipei, South Korea and Japan would continue at present levels and new discoveries in the coming years could not be ruled out, the energy experts said.

Australia also has announced that it will spend \$2.3 billion in oil exploration this year, an increase of 80 percent over the previous year.

While the search for oil continues, countries in the region are directing their efforts simultaneously toward developing other energy resources, like natural gas and geothermal power. Indonesia has the biggest natural gas facility in the area at its Arun field in north Sumatra.

IRS agents in Singapore refused to comment publicly, but a well-informed economist noted that the service "has been after Singapore for years" to provide information on IRS suspects.

Their efforts have made little headway, however, and introduction of numbered accounts would probably doom attempts to conclude a U.S.-Singaporean tax treaty, the economist said.

"The IRS people complain about bank secrecy in general, but this (the numbered accounts) will drive them bonkers," he said. However, the main reason for Singapore's reluctance to introduce numbered accounts up to now has been the attitude of its populous neighbor, Indonesia, diplomats said.

Provisions for the secret accounts were written into Singapore's banking act of 1970, but authorities have not implemented them. One reason for the delay, diplomats said, has been a celebrated court case over \$35 million deposited in Singapore by an official of Indonesia's state-owned oil company, Pertamina.

Achmad Thahir, who earned a salary of about \$9,000 a year as a close aid to the former president-director of Pertamina, Gen. Ibnu Sutowo, made a series of hefty deposits before his death in 1976.

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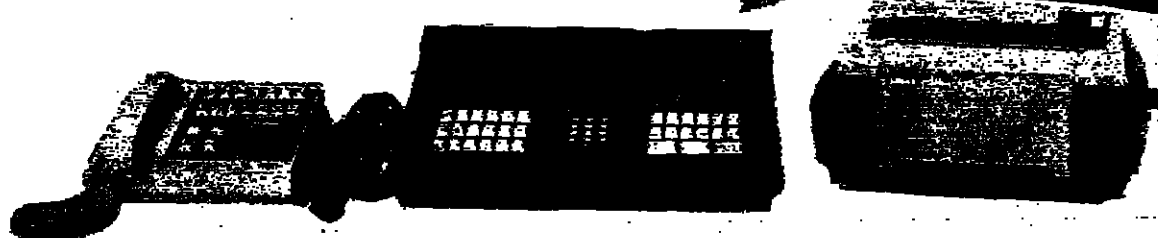
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Viable alternative eludes

Congress in dilemma on budget

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's budget unveiled less than a month ago is all but dead in Congress, but members of both parties are in a dilemma over what to propose in its place.

Reagan's fellow Republicans have joined opposition Democrats in attacking the \$757.6 billion spending plan for the 1983 financial year as unrealistic.

Both sides agree the projected \$91.5 billion deficit is too big, especially for a period when the United States is supposed to be recovering from a deep recession.

Critics say the deep spending figure of \$221 billion is also too high and a proposed \$56 billion in spending cuts and tax revisions is unacceptable because that would affect social programs already sharply trimmed last year.

Compounding the budget credibility problem is a new estimate by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) that the deficit will be \$29 billion higher than Reagan forecasts even if all the cuts he wants are approved.

Of the many congressional alternatives to the Reagan budget proposed so far, none has won widespread acceptance.

After consideration by House of Representatives and Senate budget committees, Congress is scheduled to approve a budget plan in May for financial 1983, which starts on Oct. 1 of this calendar year.

In the next few months the budget committees will work and vote on alternative budget packages, seeking some kind of consensus on spending and tax priorities. A meeting of minds has not happened yet and seems unlikely to occur soon.

About the only agreement so far is that Congress will have to raise the statutory ceiling on the federal debt limit, probably in early May.

The pressure will be on Congress to take steps to reduce future deficits and thereby help keep down the debt.

Raising the debt ceiling would require passage of a bill, but members traditionally dislike voting for such a measure because opponents then tend to brand them as big spenders. Republican leaders are telling reporters it would be easier to pass a bill raising the ceiling if the measure were attached to a sensible budget plan, presumably with a smaller deficit.

Canada launches export drive

MONTREAL, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Canada has begun a long-term program to conquer foreign export markets in a bid to combat the recession and reduce last year's 21 billion Canadian dollar (\$17,000 million) deficit in trade in manufactured goods.

Canada's share of world trade has fallen from 3.8 to 2.8 percent in the last 10 years. The economy needs a boost. Inflation is running at 12.5 percent and unemployment at 8.5 percent.

As part of the new initiative, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau appointed two ministers of state, Ed Lumley and Pierre de Bane, at the external affairs department on Jan. 12.

Their job is to look systematically at foreign markets, and this weekend de Bane was quoted as saying that Canada might partici-

Despite Reagan's insistence that his proposed 1983 defense budget calling for a \$34 billion increase in spending must not be cut, many members expect Congress to make reductions of \$10 to \$15 billion.

There is also a growing feeling that a 10 percent income tax cut due in July 1983 should be deferred because of the big deficits, but members face elections in November and may be unwilling to do this since higher taxes are unpopular.

Reagan's current budget problems follow his spectacular success with Congress last year, when members approved his sweeping tax and spending cuts designed to stimulate the economy.

pate in the West European Airbus program. The strategy is important for Canada which wants to hold on to its place as a leading Western industrialized country.

To achieve this, Canadian companies must demonstrate aggressive competitiveness in new markets for technically advanced products.

De Bane, who is responsible for relations with the French-speaking world, returned recently from a visit to Tunisia and Morocco with a warning that underdeveloped countries cannot afford to pay 30 percent more for Canadian products.

In addition, Canadian companies have appeared reluctant to stray from the well-beaten export path. The United States, a major investor in the Canadian economy, accounts for 70 percent of Canadian exports.

Japan firms to repay Iran project loans

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Five firms in the Japanese Mitsui group have decided to allocate 5,100 million yen (\$22 million) to pay bank loans in a complex dispute involving Iran's refusal to repay a debt incurred over a petro-chemical complex.

The bank loans fell due Saturday for the Japanese partner in a giant Iran-Japan petro-chemical venture, Mitsui sources said Sunday.

Iran Chemical Development Co. (ICDC), the Japanese partner, has borrowed 125,000 million yen (\$543 million) from the government Export-Import Bank of Japan and 20 commercial Japanese banks.

The Tokyo-based ICDC re-lent the money to its Iranian partner; Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. to finance construction of the plant in Bandar Khomeini.

The Mitsui group companies made the decision because the Iranian side in the venture refused to pay the loans at the third round of negotiations between the two partners which ended in Tehran Saturday they said.

Construction of the \$3.6 billion plant, which is about 85 percent complete, has been suspended because of the Iran-Iraq war. The Export-Import Bank has rejected a Mitsui request for a one-year postponement of loan repayment because there was no clear sign that work would be resumed, the sources said. The five companies, including Mitsui and Co., will take action Monday, the sources said.

Bonn firm on gas deal with Russia

BONN, Feb. 28 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has reaffirmed the determination of his government to go ahead with contract to buy gas from the Soviet Union.

He told the Dutch *Haagsche Courant* paper Sunday that "the American government has so far not explained either to the French or West German governments that it was opposed to the contract."

But he added that he wanted to make it clear "that in any case it would not have influenced our determination to go ahead with this contract, as is the case with the French."

U.N. bodies said misusing funds

HONG KONG, Feb. 28 (ONS) — Millions of dollars of precious international humanitarian aid funds for Cambodia have been wasted by United Nations agencies. The money has been lost through a consistent and unexplained policy of buying rice at prices well above market rates.

In a series of transactions with the government of Burma, officials of the World Food Program (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), are said by well-placed sources in the rice trade to have spent \$750,000 above market prices for the purchase of some 45,000 tons of rice. The lost \$750,000 would have bought 3,000 tons more, enough to feed 25,000 Cambodian children for a year.

Similar wastage has been recorded in other purchases for Cambodia and Bangladesh. Given the generosity of donor countries (between October 1979 and the end of last year non-Communist countries provided \$860 million for Cambodian relief) the losses might seem small.

But the situation has changed. After a good harvest in 1980-81, Cambodia is once again faced with food shortages. A combination of

Financial Roundup
Riyal rates record rise

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Sunday was a quiet trading day, with European and American markets closed for business. In the local markets, riyal deposit rates remained firm for most of the day with some additional rises in rates recorded before the close of the trading session. On the whole there seemed to be some readjustment of riyal rates with the moderate increases reflecting some squaring of positions held over from the last weekend.

The one-month rate is now quoted at 13 1/2-14 percent up by 1/4 percent over opening levels, while in the longer tenors the one-year period is also firm at 13 3/4-14 1/2 percent levels. Most activity was, as usual, concentrated in the short-dated fund market with week-fixed riyal rates well bid at 13

1/2 percent (from Saturday's 13 percent) and overnight funds at 13-14 percent.

In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates were generally stable at 3.4205 levels with some activity reported at 3.4203 bid levels out of the OBU's—offshore booking units in Bahrain. Brokers revealed that for the most part the OBU's taking a cautious assessment of how the dollar would open on the European bourses Monday, but the general consensus seemed to be that the dollar would open firm in reaction to Friday's rise in the weekly U.S. money supply figures.

Some OBU's were confident enough to quote higher U.S. dollar deposit levels Sunday without awaiting for the European Monday trends to come out. Three-month Eurodollar rates were quoted at 15 1/2-15 3/4 percent up over Friday closing levels of 14 3/16 — 14 5/16 percent levels.

West eyes Romanian debt

PARIS, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Western banks are believed to be waiting for Romania to make proposals soon on how it would like to re-schedule its unsecured debts, highlighted by the U.S. last Thursday, banking sources said here.

Romania has been in default since the end of last year. It has acknowledged officially in a letter to its main private creditors that it is obliged to "restructure" its short-term debt.

However, it was reported from Washington late Saturday that Romania has repaid the \$5.8 million it owed to the U.S. Commodity Credit Corporation — a branch of the Department of Agriculture.

On Thursday, the State Department's public demand for immediate repayment highlighted Romania's economic difficulties. It was then calculated that of a total external debt of either guaranteed or unsecured loans totaling some \$11.00 million, Bucharest was due to repay between \$2,500 and \$4,000 million, according to varying banking sources.

Representatives of the Romanian external trade bank and a group of eight leading Western bank creditors met in Frankfurt last week for the first time to discuss the problem. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) to which Romania belongs, was also present.

Banking sources said it looked as though the process would lead to the consolidation of

unsecured debts for 1981-1982, but the banks would soon have to urge Western governments to open parallel negotiations on Romania's publicly underwritten debts.

At the same time, with the exception of the U.S. administration, Western governments have declined to comment on the Romanian problem, a delicate one against the background of Poland's difficulties in dealing with its debts totalling \$26,500 million.

Two months after the imposition of martial law in Poland, government to government talks on how to reschedule Warsaw's debts remain suspended. The IMF acted on Romania's difficulties in November when it suspended a line of credit worth \$1,300 million over three years, opened only a few months earlier. Consequently, U.S. banks began to withdraw assets from Romania. The U.S.

then blocked a loan of \$66 million before making last week's announcement about the unpaid \$5.8 million debt.

Observers are now wondering whether the U.S. administration might enter bilateral negotiations on a problem common to several Western countries, in an attempt to settle it as fast as possible without getting bogged down in multilateral talks.

Meanwhile, France has not agreed to commit itself to new financial requests by Romania, and the annual bilateral commission meeting scheduled for the end of February has been adjourned, informed sources said.

Free flag system harbors malpractices

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (Depthnews) — Hundreds of ocean-going vessels run aground, collide, catch fire or sink every year and seafarers are said to be four times more likely to die on the job than coal miners. And yet the governments which sponsor much of the cargo and spend vast sums on sea rescue missions and environmental clean-ups, have been reluctant to adopt or put teeth into any form of international regulation which could help to keep these ships and crews afloat.

They have opted instead for a maritime version of "Russian roulette" in which rusty powder kegs with faulty steering gear, antiquated navigation aids, illpaid and often unqualified seamen, are allowed to ply the international sea lanes under flags of convenience.

Shipowners use the free flag system for a variety of reasons. By registering their vessels in Liberia or Panama they gain substantial tax benefits, avoid health, welfare and safety rules which are usually tougher in their home states, and are able to circumvent labor laws and hire cheap crews.

Lloyds of London credited Liberia — a small African nation on the Guinea coast, with no shipping or dockyard facilities to speak of — with the world's largest fleet totalling 80.3 million tons of shipping in 1980. Next was Panama with 24.2 million tons, although some experts today argue that Greece deserves second place in the group.

About 30 percent of the world's merchant tonnage and most of the tankers sail under flags of convenience. In 1978, 79 percent of the ships reported to Lloyds as being lost at sea, had the distinction of registration under a recognized free flag state or the flag of Greece.

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and a number of affiliated national maritime unions have campaigned against free flag registries for years. They complained these were responsible for high casualty rates, substandard working conditions and the loss of many thousands of maritime jobs in the higher-income countries.

But Western governments, in general,

have supported the right of shipowners to register where they choose — tending toward a view that the flag should be waged against substandard shipping per se and not the free flag nations. A number have taken practical steps to tighten regulations in their home ports and thereby keep a good percentage of the offending traffic clear of their shorelines.

The United Nations has attempted to negotiate uniform standards for ships and crews through such bodies as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), but the membership of both is divided by the conflicting interests of rich and poor nations alike.

In Geneva last year, the Group of 77 members proposed a resolution to the UNCTAD shipping committee which would phase out the free flag lines by progressively tightening the conditions under which they could accept or retain vessels on their registries.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (\$R)	Closing Date
Presidency of National Guard	Catering (cooked meals) for supply troop personnel in Riyadh	26401/402	500	6.3.82
Communications Ministry	1-Building and paving Part Q1 of the Rafwa/Al-Jadrah road (50 km) 2-Building and paving Part Q2 of the Rafwa/Al-Jadrah road (121 km)	—	2,000	6.3.82

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
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1402/28TH FEBRUARY 1982
1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Saudi Crown	M.E.S.A.	P/Bars/Machy/Gen.	24.2.82
4.	New Dolphin	Gulf	Rice/Sorghum/Mabe	25.2.82
5.	Saudi Sunrise	M.E.S.A.	S'gm/Rice/Beans/Gen.	25.2.82
6.	Athena	Alasada	T'is/General	25.2.82
7.	Kassar	Alasabah	Barley	22.2.82
8.	Tokla H	O.C.E.	Reefers	25.2.82
9.	Amastus	Aliraza	Cem/Gen/Pty M.Pw/Con	26.2.82
10.	Island Mariner	Samaodah	Barley/Wheat	21.2.82
11.	Portux	Gulf	Steel/Gen/Ppt-Poles	25.2.82
12.	Sentorini	Alasada	Barley	20.2.82
14.	Golden Bahrain	El Havi	Timb/Steel/Gen/ Contrs	21.2.82
15.	Lanka Ratna	A.A.	Barley	18.2.82
16.	Shubbanhuk	S.C.S.A.	Containers	27.2.82
18.	Odyseus	Roloco	Bulk Cement	16.2.82
19.	Alain L.D.	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	25.2.82
20.	Pinn Timber	Gulf	Gen/St/Timber/Paper	22.2.82
21.	Maldive Novel	Orr	Tee/St/Gen/ Tobacco	25.2.82
22.	Kranjovic	Atter	Reefers	27.2.82
23.	Meltem Universal	O.C.E.	Rice/Beans/Mail H. Bnd	25.2.82
24.	Saudi Prince	O.C.E.	Pty-Gen/Steel	25.2.82
25.	Hambori	Samaodah	Sugar	19.2.82
26.	Machitis	Alasabah	Bag Barley	21.2.82
27.	Shaban	Alasabah	Reefers	25.2.82
28.	Hildeford	O.C.E.	Tiles	26.2.82

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DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOUR
OF 5.5.1402/28.2.1982 CHANGES
THE PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Union Hamburg	UEP	Sugar in Bags	22.2.82
2.	Al Badr	UEP	Gen/Barley	25.2.82
3.	Sabirna	SEA	Bagged Barley	22.2.82
4.	Han Hani	OCE	General	27.2.82
5.	Maldive Loyalty	Orr	General	27.2.82
6.	Wadi	Orr	Loading Uss	21.2.82
7.	Halla Partner	Orr	Steel Bars	21.2.82
8.	Cytopus	Orr	Steel Bars	21.2.82
9.	Gangori	Orr	General	27.2.82
10.	Gangori	Orr	Steel Pipes	24.2.82
11.	Willow	Gosabli	Steel/Gen.	25.2.82
12.	Eastern Castle	Shobakahi	Bagged Barley	21.2.82
13.	Sea Eagle	Alasada	Bagged Barley	21.2.82
14.	San John	Gulf	Bagged Cement	22.2.82
15.	Serres	Aliraza	Process Children	25.2.82
16.	New Shina	Gosabli	Cement in Bags	23.2.82

SAS traffic jumps 8%

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The number of passengers carried by the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) airline in Europe has risen by eight percent since Nov. 1 when the Euro-class was introduced to replace first class.

This figure was given on Danish radio Sunday by Joergen Andersen, chief salesman for the airline which is owned by Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

He added that passengers who earlier paid lower rates are now tending to buy full fare tickets because of better service in the air and on the ground which was the result of a special course given to staff.



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Aguirre turns the tide for Mavericks

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Fortunes fluctuated in the action-packed National Basketball Association game Saturday night with Dallas besting Houston in overtime.

Rookie Mark Aguirre hit a 12-foot jump shot to send the game into overtime, then hit the winning basket with two minutes left in the extra period as the Mavericks trimmed the Rockets 108-105. The teams were locked 101-101 with the Mavericks staging a remarkable rally in the last quarter. Dallas went into the last quarter 12 points in arrears. But the Rockets could not hold the Mavericks' late charge.

New York also staged a strong comeback in its 107-105 verdict over Portland. The Trail Blazers began on the offensive and went in for the break with a four-point advantage. The Trail Blazers enhanced the lead to 85-75 by the end of third period over Knicks and it looked like it was all over for New York. But Maurice Lucas' three-point play with 28 seconds left clinched a close victory for Knicks after a splendid last quarter rally.

Cedric Hordges scored nine straight points for Denver to open the second-half and the Nuggets posted a 134-125 triumph over Philadelphia 76ers to snap a five-game losing streak. The Sixers led by a point at the start of the second quarter. But a second period surge put the Nuggets ahead for good.

In the last NBA action, Kelly Tripucka scored 29 points and John Long added 22 as the Detroit Pistons earned a 127-119 victory over overtime victory over the Kansas City Kings. The teams tied 114-114. In the regulation period. But the Pistons, who were outscored by the Kings in the final two quarters, came back into their own in the extra period — scoring 13 goals to the Kings' 5 — to snatch a win.

20 yachts set sail

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 28 (AP) — Twenty of the world's best racing yachts hoisted anchor here Saturday and sailed for Portsmouth, England, on the last leg of the Whitbread Round-the-World Classic. The 20 are what remains of the field of 29 that left the English Port last Aug. 29 as part of deep water sailings premier event. When they reach Portsmouth in mid-March they will have covered nearly 27,000 nautical miles with stops in only three ports — Cape Town, Auckland and Mar Del Plata.

In NHL action

Oilers best Penguins

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Wayne Gretzky, who had erased Phil Eposito's mark of the highest goals for a season, was once again among the scorers in the National Hockey League Saturday night. After Dave Hunter and Glenn Anderson had each scored first-period goals, Gretzky scored into an empty net to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a 4-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Penguins struck once after the Oilers had taken a winning lead of 3-0.

Grant Mulvey scored two goals in the Chicago Black Hawks 5-3 victory over Los Angeles Kings. Los Angeles took the lead through Taylor, which was nullified by Mulvey. Wilson and Second struck in quick succession to put Chicago in the front. The lead was reduced by Djvkorab at the start of the second period. Mulvey and Lysiak scored in that order and the Black Hawks enhanced the lead which they never relinquish even though they went scoreless in the last period.

Bernie Federko scored three goals in an 11-minute span in the second quarter to power the St. Louis Blues to a 6-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings. St. Louis scored as many as five goals in that period. Meanwhile, Bryan Trottier's 44th goal of the season on a short wrist shot with 57 seconds left lifted the New York Islanders into a 5-5 tie with the Quebec Nordiques.

American leg giant slalom

Maria springs a surprise

ASPEN, Colorado, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Maria Eppele of West Germany, covering the giant slalom course nearly a full second faster than any of her competitors, won the World Cup race here Saturday in Aspen mountain. Eppele, in third place after the first run earlier in the day, was timed in an unofficial 1 minute, 9.99 seconds on her second run for a combined time of 2:13.51. Switzerland's Erika Hess, first after the opening run, finished second after clocking a 1:10.84 on her subsequent trip for a total of 2:13.67. Eppele's older sister, Irene, wound up third in 2:13.16.

Ironically, the first-place finish by her sister deprived Irene Eppele of the opportunity to clinch the season giant slalom standing. Eppele would have won the title by finishing either first or second in Saturday's race.

America's top two prospects in giant slalom, Tamara McKinney and Christin Cooper, were among six of the top seeds who did not finish the first run over the tightly set course on hard snow. America's Karen Lancaster was the leading American, finishing fourth — the same position she held after the first run.

Meanwhile, in Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, Switzerland's 1979 and 1980 World Cup downhill champion Peter Mueller, starved of a success for 14 months, finally

A goal by former Calgary captain Brad Mars gave the Philadelphia Flyers a 9-8 verdict over the Calgary Flames. The feature of the match was four goals by Flames' Kent Nilsson. In a closely-contested tie Guy Lafleur's 23rd goal of the season — a sharp-angled shot from behind the Toronto net at 17:04 of the third period — lifted the Montreal Canadiens into a 3-3 tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Dave Maloney scored two power-play goals and assisted on another to propel the soaring New York Rangers to a 6-4 victory over the Boston Bruins. The New York side scored twice in each period. But Chris Valentine's performance outdid Maloney's effort. Chris had four power-play goals as Washington overwhelmed Hartford Whalers 7-1.

Alan Haworth's goal midway through the final period completed a Buffalo rally as the Sabres roared back to tie Minnesota North Stars 5-5. After a scoreless first period, Minnesota's Broten opened the North Star's five-goal blitz. Nyrop, Broten and Hansen scored in that order to put the North Stars ahead by four goals till McCourt struck for the Sabres. Minnesota's Hartsburg scored to lead the North Star into the final period with a four-goal advantage. The Buffalo's rallied through Ramsy, Sauve, Foligno before Haworth applied the finishing touches.



Hearns pins Geraldo to the canvas

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Former World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion Thomas Hearns of the United States, now fighting as a middleweight, needed less than two minutes to knock-out Mexican opponent Marcos Geraldo in a scheduled ten-round fight here Saturday.

Hearns sent Geraldo down for a first count with a superb series of hooks and uppercuts. The Mexican was up at eight but Hearns immediately clubbed him to the canvas for a second and final time. The fight lasted only one minute 48 secs.

It was Hearns' second victory as a middleweight. The Detroit fighter's only defeat in 35 outings was inflicted by Sugar Ray Leonard when the two men met and staked their portions of the world welterweight title.

CALCUTTA, India, (AP) — Uruguay entered the final round of the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Championship at Calcutta's Eden Gardens Sunday, edging Italy 3-2 before a 65,000 spectators. The Uruguayans led 1-0 at half-time. Uruguay tops the tourney table with eight points from six contests.

NOTTINGHAM (AFP) — North American League Football Club Seattle Sounders have asked English First Division club Nottingham Forest about the availability of Norwegian international defender Jan Einaras. They would like a 'loan' of the player for the summer.

HULL, England, (AFP) — Hull City's 21-year-old striker Craig Norrie signed for Dutch club Wageningen this weekend. Financial problems have forced Hull City, an English Fourth Division club, up for sale.

IRVINE, Scotland, (AFP) — Alistair Hutton won the Scottish cross-country championships for the second time here Saturday when

Dissension in players' camp

Miandad gets board support

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb. 28 (AP) — The general body of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) unanimously decided Sunday not to accept the demand of ten top cricket Test players who refused to play under the Test captaincy of Javed Miandad.

Air Marshal Nur Khan, President of the BCCP announced the decision during a news conference after the meeting. Javed Miandad was the captain of the Pakistan cricket team during their tour of Australia last month. "Javed Miandad will continue as captain in the series against Sri Lanka and on the summer tour to England as announced last week," the Air Marshal said.

The BCCP president said out of ten 'rebel' Test players, four of them — Wasim Hasan

Raja, Mohsin Hasan Khan, Asghar Mudassar Nazir and spin bowler Iqbal Qasim — have expressed their desire to return to the game.

The team is scheduled to play the first Test against Sri Lanka on March 5. Nur Khan said if the rest of the players did not return to the camp by March 2, action will be taken against them. He did not elaborate. He added that the board will raise a new team in case all the players did not return to the game.

The ten players — Zaheer Abbas, Majid Khan, Imran Khan, Saifuraz Nawaz, Wasim Bari, Wasim Raja, Mohsin Khan, Iqbal Qasim, Mudassar Nazir and Sikander Bakht — had taken exception to remarks made by Miandad after the Australian tour. The players felt that Miandad's statement, that they had not cooperated, was unjustified.

Zaheer slams unbeaten ton

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Big victories were recorded last Friday in the Al Hutaimee Cricket League with Pak Young's Farooq Zaheer stealing the limelight with his willow.

The one-drop batsman, Zaheer, became the first batsman to cross the three-figure mark — that also a chanceless and unbeaten innings — in the league. His 118 not out set the tone for the Pak Young innings against AQLS at Al Hamra. The Pak young innings blossomed with two partnerships, in which Zaheer had a hand.

His knock was substantiated by Tanveer (46) as Pak Young went on to total a massive 254 for seven wickets in its allotted overs. For AQLS Fazal (2 for 20) and Jamil (2 for 35) shared the bowling honors. But AQLS fared miserably in its reply to Pak Young's mammoth

total. With Tanveer (3 for 20) and Shahid (3 for 22) keeping up a sustained attack, AQLS wickets tumbled like nine pins and were shot out for a mere 91.

In the other match of the day, Transcontinental also had a comfortable victory. Basing first, Transcontinental hit up 213 for the loss of five wickets against Saudi Resin with the top order coming to terms with their bat. Amjad, with 70 — inclusive of a six and seven fours — led the Transcontinental scorers. Other contributors were Akbar 65 and Khalid Nusrat 28.

Khalid Nusrat crowned a good day with a superb bowling stint as Saudi Resin finished 100 runs in arrears. Only Salim Chaudhry (39) and Javed (31) offered a semblance of resistance as Nusrat finished with a haul of four wickets for 23 runs.

Rain disrupts third day's play

WELLINGTON, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The first cricket Test between New Zealand and Australia appeared headed for a draw Sunday after the weather again disrupted play on the scheduled third day at the Basin Reserve.

Thirteen hours have now been lost from the 30 normally available, and there are just two days remaining, with the New Zealanders 127 for two in their first innings.

Just one hour of play was possible Sunday before bad light and then rain prevented the game from continuing. New Zealand, resuming at 107 for one, added just 20 runs for the loss of John Morrison's wicket.

Score-board

New Zealand (1st innings):

B. Edgar batting	46
J. Wright & Chappell & Yardley	38
J. Morrison & Thomson	15
G. Horne batting	3
Extras	26
Total (for 2 wickets)	127
Fall of wickets: 86, 120	
Bowling: Alderman 27-16-39-0, Lillee 15-52-0, Thomson 15-9-13-1, Yardley 12-5-15-0, Chappell 2-1-2-0.	

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Lendl Gerulaitis in final

Lendl coasts past battling Amritraj

GENOA, Italy, Feb. 28 (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia got a warning from the umpire and a test from India's Vijay Amritraj, but survived both to win 6-4, 6-4, in the semifinals of the WCT \$300,000 Bitti Bergamo Memorial Tournament.

With the games at 3-3 in the first set Lendl objected to a line-call—and the umpire objected to his language and gave him a warning. This seemed to fire up the Czech who broke the fourth-seeded Amritraj two games later then held serve to win six more.

In the second set, still bristling with intensity, Lendl broke Amritraj in the first game and failed away with his forehand for the rest of the match to hold off the tall graceful Indian who swooped to the net at every opportunity. But Amritraj was never able to break the powerful Czech who several times won his serve at love and closed out the set 6-4.

Kriek keeps winning run

MONTERREY, Mexico, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Johan Kriek of South Africa continued his recent run of success by reaching Sunday's final of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Fritz Buchning.

The victory earned Kriek a final meeting with top-seeded American Jimmy Connors, who took fellow-American Nick Saviano in its stride for a 6-3, 6-2 verdict in the other semifinal clash.

Earlier Friday, Jimmy Connors lived up to its seeding in the \$300,000 tournament with an identical 6-3, 6-2 victory over Mel Purcell in the quarterfinal round. Saviano earned the semifinal meeting with Connors with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over compatriot Dick Stockton.

The only seed to fall in the first eight stages was Gene Mayer, who was ousted by Fritz Buchning. Mayer won the first set at 6-4, but added out in the next decisive two and the tournament. Buchning won at 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Kriek also had to battle it out in three sets against American Chip Hooper to make the last four stage. Chip, who has become a recent force to reckon with and boasting a powerful serve, bounced back into the game by taking the second set at 6-2. But in the crucial third set was found wanting as the

Second-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States came back from a one-set deficit to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 Saturday in the semifinals. Fitted against Britain's Davis Cup hopeful Buster Mottram, the American had his service broken in the first game of the first set.

Gerulaitis struggled to find his rhythm while Mottram, seeded 8th, clung to his advantage to take the set 4-6. In the second set, however, Gerulaitis was hitting his serves deep into the corners and punishing the Englishman's short approach shots.

Mottram, who appeared neither fast nor agile, was forced to play aggressively but found himself passed repeatedly by Gerulaitis' looping crosscourt shots. Gerulaitis took the second set 6-1. Then, keeping up the pace in the third set, he was never really threatened as he broke Mottram twice and won 6-2. Gerulaitis is scheduled to play Sunday Ivan Lendl.

experienced Kriek passed him often with some delectable shots. Kriek won the semifinal passage with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 win.

In doubles action Friday, the team of Amaya-Pfister defeated Gullickson and Stefanki 6-2, 7-5. Stewart-Taygan defeated Gottfried-Stockton 6-2, 6-7 (12-10), 6-3. Delate and Purcell beat Manson-Teacher, 6-3, 6-3, and Curren-Denton defeated Moor-Telischer, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. Amaya-Pfister plays Stewart-Taygan, and Delate-Purcell take on Denton-Curren in the semifinals.

Jaeger extended Meanwhile, in Oakland, Chris Evert Lloyd, playing in her first tennis tournament of the year, reached the final of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of California by beating Sylvia Hanika 6-4, 6-1 Saturday night.

Defending champion Andrea Jaeger overcame some sloppy early play and beat Claudia Kohde of West Germany 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the other semifinal match. Top-seeded Lloyd and No. 2 Jaeger will meet Sunday for the trophy title.

Hanika, the West German seeded fourth in the event, gave Lloyd a good battle in the first set but was no match for the Wimbledon champion in the final set.



Vitas Gerulaitis...stages rally

Rizzo staves off Alcott's late surge

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 28 (AP) — Despite bogeying three holes, Patti Rizzo held off a late surge by Amy Alcott here Saturday to maintain a two-shot lead after three rounds of the \$125,000 LPGA Arizona Copper Classic.

Rizzo, who had a four-stroke lead going into the third round, carded a one-over-par 73 for a three-day total of 209 on the 6,206-yard Randolph North Golf course. Alcott started the third round five strokes behind Rizzo, but moved into second place after having birdied four holes on the back nine to be with a two-under-par 70. She has a three-day total of 270.

Ayako Okamoto, who started Saturday's round tied for fourth, was in third, three strokes behind Rizzo, after shooting a two-

Mikkola claims Mintex Rally

YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola followed up his victory in last year's RAC Rally with another stunning success in the annual "Mintex" international event that finished here Saturday after 500 miles of motoring in less than 24 hours.

The 39-year-old Finn led from start to finish in his four-wheel drive Audi Quattro and finished up with an impressive winning margin of nearly four minutes over compatriot Henri Toivonen in an Opel Ascona.

Once again Mikkola turned the Rally into a one-man show and he roared to more individual stage wins than any other driver. Only Pentti Aikikala, yet another Finn and last year's winner, briefly offered a challenge early Saturday when he moved up to second place in his Ford Escort. But the threat ended when the Scandinavian was forced out in the Yorkshire forests with broken suspension.

Reigning world champion Ari Vatanen made it a clean sweep for the Finns when he took third place in his privately-entered Ford Escort. Scotland's Jimmy McCrene was the best placed of the home drivers. He was fourth in his Opel Ascona and was followed home by an English driver Terry Kaby and Russell Brookes in Vauxhall Chevettes, in that order respectively.

Valenzuela abstains from Dodgers training

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 28 — The Los Angeles Dodgers began spring training without pitcher Fernando Valenzuela who says he won't participate because the team hasn't met his contract demands.

The 21-year-old star pitcher is asking for \$1 million to play for the Dodgers this year. It is believed the team has offered him around \$350,000.

Last year, Valenzuela was named National League Rookie of the year and won the Cy Young Award. He was paid less than \$43,000. Fernando's agent, Tony Demarco, says it's not the money that is holding things up — that it's the principle of the thing.

IAL downs KAIA White

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — There was one big surprise in the fifth week of the Jeddah Bridge League. Fancied KAIA White went down 9-11 to IAL in a match with few big hands.

The outcome of the match was decided when on IAL bidding error put it into a successful small slam. The victory, which was IAL's first, however, did not affect the top positions in the "A" League. Leaders French Rose stayed firmly at the top with another victory, its fourth, with a 13-7 verdict over British Steel.

In other games both the Dunes teams won 18-2 against SEA-1 and Sharabadi. Irregulars, placed second in the "A" League, bested Pak 4 Green 14-6 and CIB lost 9-11 to Mobil. Pak 4 White ended Sangueed's sequence of wins with a 15-5 victory. When KAIA Green turned up one player short, ADS sportingly lent one of theirs only to go down 7-13.

Next week's matches should not change the positions of the leaders of the respective league with French Rose and Sandra Blues now likely finalists in the league winners playoff in March 30.

How they stand

	P	W	L	VPs	Pts
French R	4	4	1	53	8
Irregulars	4	3	1	50	6
KAIA W	5	3	2	53	6
Dunes-2	4	2	2	50	4
Gray-McInt	4	2	2	51	4
Pak 4 G	5	2	3	48	4
British S	5	2	3	47	4
IAL	4	1	3	33	2
SEA-1	5	1	4	35	2
Sandra B	4	3	1	51	8
Dunes-1	4	3	1	49	6
Sandwood	4	3	1	49	6
Pak 4 W	5	3	2	62	6
Mobil	4	2	2	40	4
CIB	5	2	3	40	4
KAIA G	5	2	3	40	4
Sangueed	5	1	4	31	3
ADS	4	1	4	28	0

Stadler retains lead after poor start

MIA MI, Florida, Feb. 28 (AP) — Struggling Craig Stadler dropped a critical 40-foot putt for bogey on the final hole and salvaged a 73 that left him in sole control of the lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

Stadler, who also led the first and second rounds, had to make a remarkable turnaround of a wildly erratic effort to retain the top spot at 20. He was eight shots under par on the windswept, 7,065-yard Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

A single stroke back at 209 were Jerry Pate, Andy Bean and Mike Nicolette. Pate shot a 69 in the gusty winds, Bean matched par 72 and the longshot Nicolette who said he's "only looking to finish in the top 20," had a 71. Jack Nicklaus, who once shared the

In Doral - Eastern Golf

lead after a birdie-birdie start, Scott Hoch and Cal Peete were at 210. Peete shot a 70, Hoch 71 and Nicklaus a 72.

"It was very erratic," Nicklaus said. "I just didn't play well at all. I guess you could say my golf game was on vacation." Ray Floyd, winner of this event the last two years, had a 75 and was at par 216. Lee Trevino had 75-221. The chunky Stadler, a two-stroke leader when play started, immediately encountered difficulties, going 4-over par. And that opened the gates for a flock of challengers.

Bean, Nicklaus, Nicolette and Pate all shared the lead at one time or another. But, one by one, they began dropping back and Stadler regained his composure. He got back

to even par with a mammoth, 88-90 foot birdie putt on the 17th hole.

Then he faced the pivotal 18th, a water-guarded, 437-yard par-4 that Stadler called "the toughest finishing hole on the tour." His assessment proved correct. Of the seven men sharing the top standings, only Peete and Nicolette were able to make par. The other five — Nicklaus, Bean, Pate, Stadler and Hoch — all made bogey. Pate dumped his third in a bunker. Nicklaus made a remarkable recovery from shallow water then blew a 5-6 foot par-saving putt. Bean 3-putted. It was a golfing horror show.

And Stadler had the toughest row of them all. It took him four to reach the green and he was staring straight into the face of a disastrous double bogey-6 which would have cost him sole control of the lead. But he made the 40-foot bogey putt — the fifth time in three days he's scored from that distance or more — and salvaged the top spot.

"I could have gone for a very high number after that start," Stadler said. "Those two putts at the end, 80 or 90 feet for birdie on the 17th and the 40-footer for bogey on the last, that kind of turned things around. It's a good feeling to finish with putts like that. It makes me feel I've got my bad round out of the way."

In the last few years Craig Stadler has established himself as one of golf's rising young stars. Since the start of the 1980 season he has won four tournaments and more than \$500,000. "My game is no different," Stadler shrugged.

Olson shatters own indoor mark

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 28 (AP) — Billy Olson, on his third try, cleared an indoor world record of 18 feet, 10 inches (5.72 meters) in the pole vault Saturday night at the NALA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Olson bettered his own world mark he set Feb. 19 by 1/4 inch (1 cm).

Meanwhile, Veronica Bell, a 21-year-old junior at Cal Poly, shattered the American women's indoor long jump record, leaping 21 feet, 11 1/4 inches (6-m, 69 cm) in winning the first final event at the USA-Mobil Track and Field Championships.

Bell's jump, seven inches farther than the old mark of 21-4 1/4, (6-, 12cm) shared by Martha Watson and Kathy McMillan-Ray, came on her first attempt in the trials at Madison Square Garden.

The mark carried over into the final and no one bettered it then. Karin Hanel of West Germany and Margita Butkicene of the Soviet Union share the world indoor best of 22-2 1/4, (6-m 76-cm). McMillan-Ray finished second at 21-2 1/4 and Evalene Hatcher was third at 20-10 1/4, (6.26-cm).

Five Moscow Olympic champions are included in the 33-strong Soviet team for the European Indoor Athletics Championships from March 6-7 in Milan.

Cox bags Hong Kong crown

HONG KONG, Feb. 28 (AP) — American Kurt Cox won the \$130,000 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open Golf Tournament after a three-way sudden-death playoff Sunday.

The 33-year-old Texan clinched the title on the fourth extra hole after fellow-American Tom Sieckman missed a five-footer. Cox, who has been a professional for eight years, received the first prize money of \$21,650. The playoff climaxed one of the most exciting finishes seen at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Cox, who needed a birdie, could have snapped the title on the 18th hole after Sieckman and Australian Terry Gale collected an pars. But he hit slightly under the edge of the green for a four-under par total of 276.

Cox collected two birdies and two bogeys on his way to victory. The Texan said the win was a morale booster and he hoped to do well on the rest of the Asian circuit. He said the standard of the competitors this year improved, adding he felt pressured by his main rival, Sieckman.

The 27-year-old Sieckman showed flashes of brilliance but his performance was marked by erratic moments. He started the course with a bogey, then carded two more bogeys and double-bogey to cancel out his birdies on

the fourth, fifth and 14th holes, and an eagle on the 12th.

Gale, who shared the lead into the final round with the two Americans, dropped out in the first extra hole of the sudden-death playoff. He bogeyed the 339-yard par four hole, while Cox and Sieckman parred it.

Gale started the day with a bogey on the first hole, then had two more bogeys before reefing off three birdies to finish the round with an even par 70. The best Japanese performance was put up by Saburo Fujiki who came in with a two-under 278 to share fourth spot with Australian Stewart Ginn. Both shot final rounds of 69.

Taiwanese players, who have dominated the tournament for many years, had a poor showing. Lu Hsi-Chuen, who has won the Asian circuit in the past three years, finished with 69 for a 3-under par total of 279. Last year's champion, Taiwanese Chen Tse-Ming finished two over with 281.

Tse-Ming's effort was matched by two others. Australian Greg Norman and South Korean Kim Seung Hark had rounds of 70 and 72 respectively to finish with a tally of 281. Britain's Brian Waites and South Korean Choi Young Soo had 282 and were sharing the 11th spot.

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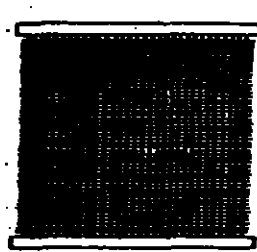
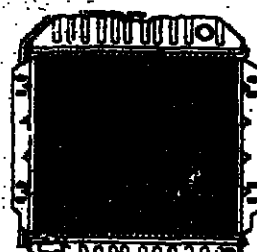
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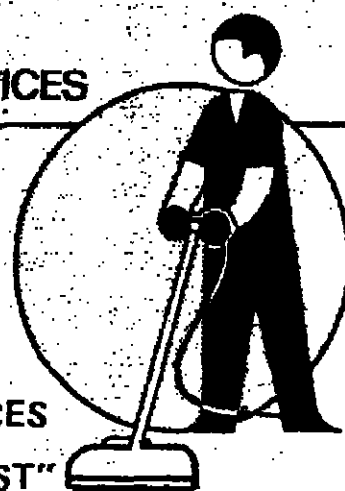
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On Shanghai communique anniversary

Strain in Sino-U.S. ties admitted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — China and the United States have problems in their relations but "good faith" can solve them, the State Department said in noting the 10th anniversary of the historic Shanghai communique, under which Peking and Washington agreed to resume diplomatic relations.

It said the United States is engaging in a good faith effort to resolve these differences. Assuming our good faith is matched on the Chinese side, we believe we can anticipate a substantial development of further advance in U.S.-China relations over the coming decade, the department said in a statement Saturday.

The statement, issued in question and answer form, was the only public recognition in Washington of the signing by former President Richard Nixon and Zhou En-lai on Feb. 28, 1972. The communique set the tone for the development of U.S.-China relations during the past decade. But the fact that nei-

her country made any special acknowledgment of the anniversary underscores the difficulty that has developed in the relationship in the past year.

At the center of the difficulty has been the question of U.S. arms sales to Taipei, which China adamantly opposes. The State Department said President Ronald Reagan did send a letter last week to Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang "commemorating the anniversary." It declined to disclose the contents and said it was too soon to expect a reply.

In the statement on the anniversary, the State Department said, "the United States values good relations with China," and declared, "tremendous progress had been registered in U.S.-China relations in the decade since the Shanghai communique."

"We are determined to do all we can to preserve and expand these achievements," it said. It acknowledged that while "there are areas of disagreement," they are far outweigh-

hed by "our shared global strategic and regional interests."

In Peking reflecting the tension that has arisen since President Reagan's decision last month to sell fighter aircraft to Taipei, the official Chinese press maintained a complete silence on the anniversary. In a happier political climate it would almost certainly have been marked by statements praising Sino-American friendship.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Holdridge came to Peking to explain Reagan's decision to Chinese leaders. Holdridge's visit apparently resulted in the two sides merely agreeing to hold further talks on the sale of the aircraft, which Peking regards as interference in its internal affairs.

Deputy Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong said on Feb. 5 that Sino-American relations had reached crisis point and that China had practically no room for maneuver.

Meanwhile, the New China News Agency (NCNA) quoted former U.S. president Richard Nixon as saying that a failure now in Sino-American cooperation because of disagreement over arms to Taipei would be a "tragedy."

Nixon, speaking at a dinner given in his honor Friday by Chinese Ambassador Chai Zemin in Washington, said the two countries had mutual interests to defend against the Soviet Union, NCNA reported Saturday. The dinner marked the tenth anniversary of Nixon's signing of the Shanghai communique.

Senior Chinese officials have recently characterized Sino-American tension as a "crisis."

Nixon had abandoned a plan for visiting China for the anniversary. "It would be a tragedy if the Chinese people and the American people could not work together for a better world," the former president, who resigned in 1974 over the Watergate scandal, said on Friday. "If we can work together, we can change the world."

Ambassador Chai said the United States had caused "difficulties" in its relations with China by continuing military aid to Taipei, over which China claims sovereignty despite its being held by Nationalists.

China has often protested against U.S. arms sales to Taipei as interference in internal Chinese affairs and threatened to break its "strategic relations" with the United States against the Soviet Union. "The Sino-American strategic relations should continue to develop, instead of stagnating and retrogressing," Chai said.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said in Washington Saturday the United States should take more account of China's strategic importance, citing what he called Peking's "restraint" on Vietnam. Haig, who has been accused by the right of deviating from President Reagan's conservative philosophy, stressed the need for pragmatism rather than ideology in foreign policy.

Toxic oil affects Spanish mothers

MADRID, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Several Spanish women suffering from the "toxic syndrome" blamed on adulterated cooking oil have gone abroad for abortions while others have braved less modern techniques here, *El Pais* reported Sunday.

There is fear to be a high risk of malformations to children born to women affected by the syndrome, which has killed 263 persons since its appearance in May last year. But a report to be published soon by the Spanish Health Ministry denies that the toxic syndrome increases the chance of a malformed baby, or aggravates the disease in the mother.

El Pais published signed interviews with two women. The first admitted to an abortion in London, after being alerted to the danger of malformations by a private family planning clinic. The second woman, a mother of four, told of her fears for the child she was now carrying, and how she had failed in repeated attempts to terminate her own pregnancy.

Poland eases restrictions

WARSAW, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Easing of certain martial law restrictions involving travel, curfew and communications will go into effect throughout Poland Monday, Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak said Sunday in an interview published by the PAP news agency.

Travel among departments will no longer require advance permission, although authorization will still be necessary for travel to frontier zones, PAP said. Curfews will be lifted for taxi drivers to allow them to return home after delivering their last passengers at 11 p.m. local. Automatic telephone communication between Warsaw and other departmental capitals will be reestablished, the agency said.

Gen. Kiszczak added that since the proclamation of martial law last Dec. 13, a total of 6,647 persons were held, of whom 2,552 were subsequently freed. This left 4,095 persons under arrest in Polish internment centers last Friday, he said.

These figures, however, were subject to change, he added, because some people had been rearrested after their release for having "resumed their harmful activities." He spoke of about 10 such cases, adding that some 300 persons had been freed recently, and that liberations would continue as the situation became "normalized and stabilized." No leniency should be expected from Polish officials as far as "troublemakers, terrorists and conspirators" are concerned, he said.

The easing of martial law restrictions were neither "a sign of weakness," nor a result of "external pressures," the minister said, adding that rigorous measures could be reimposed there and whenever troubles reoccurred. The basic restrictions which are not likely to change in the near future are those concerning military courts, summary proceedings at civilian tribunals, internment measures, censorship and the ban on meetings. Gen. Kiszczak said.

PAP published a censored version of Bishop Jozef Glemp's appeal calling for end to martial law. The primate, in his appeal issued Saturday, compared Poland's current situation to a bus jammed with passengers that had run into a ditch. "People hit each other, some get injured, but no one gets killed," he said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass announced that Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski is due in the Soviet capital Monday leading a party delegation. Jaruzelski will be making his first known visit to Moscow since he declared martial law in Poland last Dec. 13.

The Soviet people, welcoming the Polish party and state delegation headed by Wojciech Jaruzelski, express confidence that the visit will facilitate further consolidation of the relations of friendship, unity and all-round cooperation between the Soviet Union and the Polish Peoples' Republic," Tass said.

Son Sann likely to visit Peking

TOULOUSE, France, Feb. 28 (AFP) — A delegation from the non-Communist Cambodian resistance group led by former Premier Son Sann is expected to go to Peking to meet with the two other main anti-Vietnamese Cambodian factions, it was reported. The likelihood emerged at a major regional meeting here Sunday of members of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF).

Leaders of the two other Cambodian resistance groups, former chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Khmer Rouge leader Kieu Samphan, are meeting in Peking in an effort to set up an anti-Vietnamese coalition.

Son Sann, who has balked at associating with the Khmer Rouge, Sunday said he thought "that we will go to Peking to prove our good will. But we still hold to a simple formula for a coalition government, accepted by Prince Sihanouk and ourselves, but refused so far by Democratic Kampuchea (the Khmer Rouge)."

Portugal seeks staff cut in Soviet bloc missions

LISBON, Feb. 28 (R) — Portugal's move to cut the staff of three Soviet bloc embassies in Lisbon is a new example of how this small country is often willing to take a far tougher stand on East-West relations than its European allies.

Portugal has asked the Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany to cut their embassies by 30 percent following the imposition of martial law in Poland, Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão announced Saturday.

Details of the cuts have not been made public so far, but diplomatic sources said Portugal wanted six of the remaining 19 Soviet diplomats to be withdrawn, as well as three of the 10 Polish diplomats and three of the nine East German ones. The proposal stops short of an expulsion and must therefore be negotiated with the three East bloc governments.

But the move is the most serious one made by Portugal against the Soviet bloc since it established diplomatic relations with the Kremlin and its allies after the 1974 revolution. The three embassies are due to respond to the proposal this week.

Portugal took the lead last month in imposing diplomatic sanctions against the Soviet Union over the Polish crisis when it declared two Soviet diplomats unwelcome, bringing to six the number expelled by the ruling democratic alliance which came to power in January 1980.

One of the alliance's first actions was announcing a freeze in relations with the Kremlin following the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan a few days earlier.

It also revoked existing technical and cultural agreements, canceled a concession that would have given the Soviet Union fishing rights around Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores islands and reduced to a trickle the number of Soviet visitors allowed into Portugal.

In spite of these measures and the expulsions, the Kremlin never retaliated, and last June the Soviet Union, which supplies nine percent of Portugal's oil, agreed to increase trade between the two countries by up to 50 percent.

One reason for Portugal's hard-line stand on the Polish crisis is Lisbon's special relationship with the United States. It was the first ally of the United States to impose economic sanctions against Iran in 1980.

Within NATO, Portugal comes under a

U.S.-based military command, the Allied Command Atlantic at Norfolk, Virginia, and the U.S. air base at Lajes in the Portuguese Azores provides a strategically crucial link between the European mainland and the eastern seaboard of the United States.

But if the Portuguese premier was one of the European heads of government who agreed to take part in President Reagan's television spectacular "Let Poland be Poland" last month, it was also partly for internal reasons.

The Portuguese Communist Party, which has announced plans to bring down the government through a wave of strikes and demonstrations, is the Kremlin's most loyal supporter in Western Europe and faithfully mirrors the Soviet position on Poland.

Hu sweeps Peking path

PEKING, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Millions of Chinese television viewers Sunday watched as Communist Party Chairman Hu Yaobang swept a path in downtown Peking as part of a "month of Socialist ethics." The television program marked the official send-off of the month-long campaign — to be held every March from now on — to encourage sanitation and common courtesy and improve the environment.

In a ten-minute speech broadcast by radio and television, Premier Zhao Ziyang urged the country's 1,000 million inhabitants to "protect their moral and physical health." His speech — considered an uncommon move — stressed that senior officials, party members and the Communist Youth League "must set the example."

"This will make China a cleaner, more beautiful and more prosperous country where people live together in friendship and harmony," the premier said. More than two million of Peking's nine million residents followed Chairman Hu's lead Sunday, the New China News Agency reported.

Confrontation seen Soviets flay U.S. defense bill

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (AP) — The Soviet Army newspaper on Sunday accused U.S. President Ronald Reagan of proposing a "war budget" designed to strengthen its hand in "confrontation with the Soviet Union."

"The draft budget laid bare the...adventurous foreign policies of the U.S. ruling circles, their imperial ambitions and characteristic militarism," Col. M. Ponomarev said in a commentary in the army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (red star).

Reagan proposes spending \$258 billion on defense in fiscal 1983. Kremlin planners have announced a Soviet military budget of 17.05 billion rubles (about \$24 billion) during the current fiscal year, although Western analysts believe the actual figure is more than twice that.

The *Krasnaya Zvezda* broadside against the proposed U.S. budget comes a few days after the release of a 70-page Soviet Defense Ministry booklet warning against pacifism.

The booklet, by the Soviet chief of staff and first deputy defense minister, Nikolai Ogarkov, said the Soviet Union must strengthen its military might against a possible surprise nuclear attack by the United States.

Sunday's *Krasnaya Zvezda* commentary reflecting the military newspaper's hard-line on East-West relations, ran under the headline: "In the Noose of Militarism. The White House Proposes a War Budget."

Washington, it said, by "continuing its course of power confrontation with the Soviet Union and the Socialist world, intends in the 1983 fiscal year to increase its allotments for military purposes by nearly 20 percent."

"Hiding behind the figures of the U.S. federal 1983 draft budget are the global plans of U.S. imperialism, its pursuit of world domination and the selfish interests of military (industrial) corporations."

"The instigation of the race for armaments, primarily nuclear ones, poses a threat to all peoples of earth," it said. "But this does not stop the U.S. ruling circles."

"On the contrary, they favor astronomical spending on militaristic preparations, thus seeking to hold a 'position of strength' in the world arena, disrupt the military-strategic balance established between the United States and the Soviet Union, between the NATO bloc and the Warsaw Pact organization, and meet the insatiable appetites of the military-industrial complex," the newspaper said.

America plans N-buildup

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — The U.S. administration is planning to significantly expand production of plutonium and tritium in order to build up the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

F. Charles Gilbert, deputy assistant secretary of energy for nuclear materials, told the *Times* that a 15-year plan for warhead production would require a substantial increase in the amount of plutonium and tritium, two critical materials needed for making atomic weapons.

The plan is to be submitted to U.S. President Ronald Reagan soon and he is expected to approve it, the *Times* said. The expansion is the result of the administration's decision to add an estimated 17,000 nuclear warheads in the next several years to the nation's currently supply of 25,000 nuclear weapons, the newspaper said.

If Reagan approves the new plutonium production goals, Gilbert said, the Energy

Department's fiscal 1983 budget would require an increase of "several hundred million dollars."

Reagan has already budgeted \$1.04 billion for weapons materials production — already higher than the previous year's production budget of \$904.4 million.

Gilbert told the *Times* his department is reviewing several ways of expanding plutonium supplies, including building new production facilities or increasing production at already-existing reactors.

The amounts of plutonium and tritium needed for planned and stockpiled weapons is being kept secret. However, officials familiar with planned expansion told the *Times* that new production goals would about double the rate of plutonium produced during the Carter administration.

Plutonium is used in either fission weapons or as a trigger in thermonuclear weapons. Tritium is used as the fusion material in thermonuclear weapons.

French canton poll campaign opens

PARIS, Feb. 28 (R) — France's four big political groupings launched full-scale campaigns for local elections this weekend, each aiming for electoral victory in the first nationwide test since the Socialists swept to power last year.

Over 7,000 candidates are standing for office in nearly 2,000 cantons, administrative subdivisions whose representatives sit on the 95 departmental, or county, assemblies of metropolitan France.

The two-stage elections, on March 14 and 17 have assumed new importance because of an historic decentralization law passed by the Socialist parliament.

The law, due to take effect later in March, gives executive powers to the departments and new regional assemblies, breaking the centuries-old practice of direct administration from Paris.

For the Socialists, their Communist allies and the two main center-right opposition parties, the cantons present the first chance since last May's electoral upheaval to demonstrate a change in the political wind is blowing.

The neo-Gaullist RPR Party and the center-right UDF grouping say the Socialist government has failed to live up to its promises and are calling on voters to use the cantons to demonstrate that there is a change in the political climate.

In keeping with the French practice under which national political figures often hold local office, five senior government ministers are standing as cantonal candidates as well as leading RPR, UDF and Communist personalities.

The candidate attracting most attention is former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who announced last week he would stand in

the canton of Chamalières, in the heart of his central France political stronghold.

French political commentators regard Giscard d'Estaing's decision as the first step on a long march back to high political office after his defeat by Francois Mitterrand in last May's presidential election.

Political insiders reported that the UDF, founded by the former president, was none too happy that Giscard d'Estaing could be aiming to reestablish his leadership of the grouping.

One of Giscard d'Estaing's former ministers, Jean-Francois Deniau, launched the UDF's cantonal campaign on Friday with a call to the French to demonstrate their determination to "defend civil liberties" by voting against the Socialists and their Communist allies. He also attacked the decentralization law as incoherent and contradictory.

The decentralization law has also been denounced by Giscard d'Estaing's ally-turned-enemy Jacques Chirac, president of the RPR, mayor of Paris and increasingly regarded as the effective leader of the opposition alliance.

Launching the cantonal campaign, Chirac said the cantons should not be regarded as minor elections and he called on the French to seize the opportunity to give a snub to the "ill-omened policy" of the Socialists.

Under a pact aimed at maximizing pressure on the Socialists and Communists, the RPR and UDF are not running candidates against each other. The theme of their campaign, which they plan to amplify in next year's town and city council elections, is that the Mitterrand administration is in the process of creating economic upheaval and social instability with its program of radical reforms.

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